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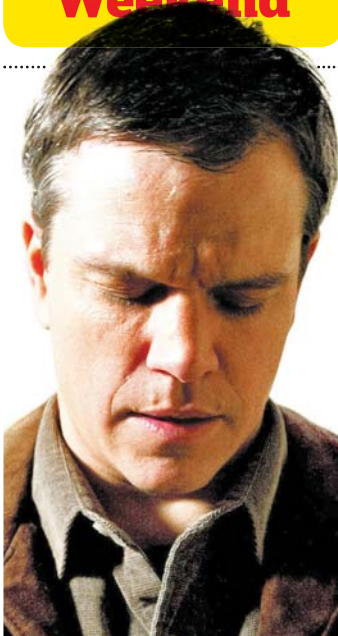
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Robber Knew He Could Get More for the Screenplay

An robber in York, Penn., gave back everything he stole from a man after learning the man lives at a shelter. The York Dispatch reports that Larry Sanderson turned over his wallet, cell phone, MP3 player and cigarettes to an armed man, then explained he lives at the shelter. The robber replied, "I can respect that," returned the man's property and walked away. (AP)

Now State Must Deal With Very Angry Alligator Ghost

State officials are trying to determine how a 67-inch alligator took up residence in a western West Virginia wildlife management area. The alligator was killed Saturday because it was considered a threat to humans, and officers had no experience with alligators. It is possible the alligator was a pet that outgrew its welcome.



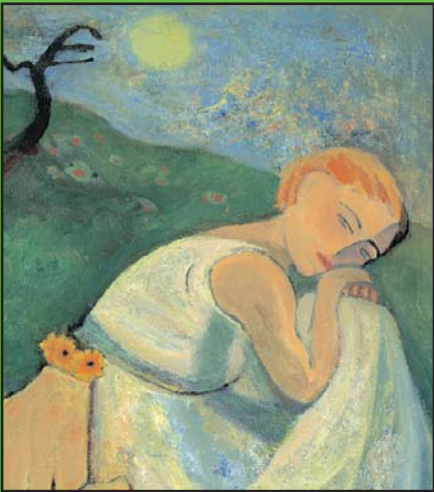
In Football, This is Known As One's 'Hail Mary Pass'

Kansas Secretary of State Chris Biggs is letting supporters decide whether he should regrow his mustache — as a campaign fundraising gimmick. In an e-mail to supporters, Biggs asked people who want him to regrow it to give donations starting with even numbers, such as \$200. People who like him mustache-free can give amounts starting with odd numbers. (EXPRESS)

The Big Picture



PRESIDENT OBAMA AND SEN. PATTY MURRAY, D-WASH., front, drop by Top Pot Doughnuts in downtown Seattle, where Obama ordered a sampler of two dozen doughnuts to go. Obama is in Seattle to campaign with Murray, who is in a tight race against Republican Dino Rossi. Obama encouraged customers to vote and is using his campaign clout to target undecided women voters. (AP)



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WikiLeaks Set To Divulge New Cache of Files

Washington

The Obama administration is bracing for the imminent disclosure by the WikiLeaks website of a vast cache of secret U.S. Iraq war documents, which could throw a light on some of the darkest episodes of that conflict.

WikiLeaks, a self-described whistle-blower website, is expected to post up to 400,000 documents online this week after having shared them in advance with several news organizations.

It would be the second major release of classified U.S. war reports by WikiLeaks in the past four months. In July, the group posted nearly 77,000 documents from the Afghan conflict. (AP)

Hearsay

“Our intention was to kill it, and that’s not what happened.”

— DELAWARE GOP SENATE NOMINEE CHRISTINE O'DONNELL, ON “GOOD MORNING AMERICA,” REGRETTING HER “I’M NOT A WITCH” AD, WHICH TRIED TO DISPEL HER COMMENTS ABOUT DABBLING IN WITCHCRAFT ON “POLITICALLY INCORRECT.”

More Recalls, Woes for Toyota

Auto giant: Problems with vehicle safety affect 1.5M vehicles

Detroit

Just when Toyota thought its safety problems were over, they flare up all over again.

Less than a year after it was tarnished by reports of runaway cars, the automaker recalled 1.5 million vehicles Thursday to address brake-fluid and fuel-pump troubles, drawing new attention to safety issues that have festered inside the company for years.

The world’s No. 1 carmaker said there were no accidents or injuries connected to the latest recall, which covers some Lexus and Toyota models from the 2004 to 2006 model years, mostly in the U.S. and Japan.

For Toyota, the latest recalls hurt the company’s image just as it is trying to clear up old problems, said Jean-Pierre Dube, a marketing professor at the University of Chicago.

Some previous braking and acceleration problems were blamed



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Toyota is recalling 1.5 million Lexus and Toyota models, mostly in the U.S. and Japan.

on driver error, he noted, but this one clearly came from the factory.

“This is starting to look more like a chronic problem for them,” he said. “It’s hard to imagine this can’t have some effect on how consumers are going to perceive the Toyota brand and to what extent it represents reliability.”

Safety experts said it was an example of a new Toyota scrambling to clean up messes from its

past. Toyota started getting reports of brake-fluid leaks in some of its models in February 2005, and it took more than five years to issue the recall.

Toyota has now recalled more than 11 million cars and trucks around the world over the past year for problems including faulty gas pedals, floor mats that can trap accelerators, braking problems and stalling engines.

Honda Issues Recall

Honda Motor Co. says it plans to recall an undetermined number of vehicles because of brake fluid leaks that could lead to weaker braking power, the same issue that led Toyota Motor Corp. to recall 1.5 million vehicles. Honda says the recall affects certain 2005-2007 model year Acura RL sedans and Honda Odyssey minivans from the 2005 to early 2007 model year. There have been no injuries or accidents tied to the problem. (AP)

Toyota took a hit on its once-impeccable reputation, not to mention its sales. This time around, it chose to recall rather than stonewall, said Clarence Ditlow, president of the Center for Auto Safety, a consumer group.

The new recalls affect 740,000 cars in the U.S. and 599,000 in Japan. The rest are in Europe and elsewhere around the world. Honda Motor Co. also said it would recall an undetermined number of vehicles because of the same brake issue. **KEN THOMAS AND TOM KRISHER (AP)**

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Gender Divide: Women across nearly every income level gave significantly more to charity than men — nearly twice as much in some cases — according to a study by the Center on Philanthropy at Indiana University. Nonprofits have long suspected that women were a driving force in giving, but didn’t have proof. But the results of this study should stop the wondering, said Debra Mesch, director of the university’s Women’s Philanthropy Institute. (AP)

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Fed Bailout May Double

Fannie, Freddie may need up to \$215B during next 3 years

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The federal bailout for Fannie Mae and Freddie Mac could double in size during the next three years, according to projections from the companies' federal regulator.

Fannie and Freddie, the federally controlled mortgage finance giants, probably will need at least another \$73 billion and perhaps as much as \$215 billion from taxpayers in the next three years to meet their financial obligations, the Federal Housing Finance Agency said, but much of that money would automatically be returned to the government.

The growing taxpayer infusions will cover losses Fannie and Freddie suffer on home loans, as well as payments the companies must make to the U.S. Treasury in exchange for a federal guarantee to provide cash to keep the companies solvent.



Fannie and Freddie may end up with \$363 billion in aid if a second recession hits the U.S.

Over time, the majority of funds flowing to Fannie and Freddie from taxpayers will go to pay that dividend. As a result, most of the additional funds that go to Fannie and Freddie from taxpayers will ultimately be paid back. An Obama administration official said this arrangement is not being reconsidered at this time.

To date, the Treasury has injected \$148 billion into Fannie and Freddie. Under the worst-case scenario, in which the country enters a

second recession, the total infusion would be \$363 billion in three years. Under this scenario, if taxpayer dividends weren't being paid, the total outlay would be \$259 billion.

Under a more moderate scenario, in which housing prices stay flat and then slowly rise, the total taxpayer bailout would be \$238 billion. Excluding dividends, it would be \$154 billion.

Fannie and Freddie play a central role in the housing market. (THE WASHINGTON POST)

\$10K The amount in cash an anonymous benefactor in New York City stuffed into a 9/11 donation box at the World Trade Center. Joe Daniels, president of the National September 11 Memorial & Museum, tells the New York Post that officials found 99 \$100 bills and five 20s in the box on Tuesday night. Daniels said officials would love to know the donor's name so they could express thanks. (AP)

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NPR Journalist Ousted

Juan Williams fired after Muslim remarks on 'O'Reilly Factor'

Washington

"I'm not a bigot," longtime news analyst Juan Williams said. Then he talked about getting nervous on a plane when he sees people in Muslim dress. Fair game for one of his employers, Fox News Channel, but a firable offense for the other, NPR.

Muslim groups were outraged, saying that Williams' remarks Monday on Fox's "The O'Reilly Factor" endorsed the idea that all Muslims should be viewed with suspicion. But conservatives and even some liberals said NPR went too far in axing his contract for being honest about his feelings in an interview

Backstory



NPR's CEO Vivian Schiller is defending the firing of news analyst Juan Williams after his comments on Fox News Channel's "The O'Reilly Factor" about Muslims and says Williams veered from journalistic ethics several times before. NPR executives had previously complained about Williams' remarks on Fox and asked him to stop using the NPR name when he appeared on O'Reilly's show. (AP)

where he also said it is important to distinguish moderate Muslims from extremists.

Controversial opinions should not come from NPR reporters or news analysts, NPR CEO Vivian

Schiller said, adding that Williams was not a commentator or columnist for NPR. Schiller said whatever feelings Williams has about Muslims should be between him and "his psychiatrist or his publicist — take your pick." In a post later on NPR's website, she apologized for making the "thoughtless" psychiatrist remark.

In a memo to her staff and affiliate stations, Schiller said the comments violated NPR's code of ethics, which says journalists should not participate in media "that encourage punditry and speculation rather than fact-based analysis."

Fox News, meanwhile, announced it had re-signed Williams to a multiyear deal that will give him an expanded role with the network — and that Williams will host O'Reilly's show on Friday.

BRETT ZONGKER (AP)

In Brief

ATLANTA

Fatal Teen Crashes Drop

Fatal car crashes involving teen drivers fell by about a third over five years, according to a new federal report that partly credits the drop to tougher state limits on younger drivers. The number of deaths tied to these accidents fell dramatically from about 2,200 in 2004 to 1,400 in 2008, said the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's report. (AP)

CHEYENNE, WYO.

Submarine First to Allow Women in the Crew

A submarine named for the Equality State will be among the first to have women in the crew. The Navy said Thursday the USS Wyoming will get six female officers by the end of next year after they complete training. The Navy announced in the spring that it would end its ban on women serving aboard submarines. (AP)



President Obama and Sen. Patty Murray, D-Wash., wave during a rally in Seattle.

SEATTLE

Obama, Democrats Work To Woo Women Voters

In a final effort to prevent electoral disaster, President Obama and Democratic allies are vigorously wooing women voters, straining to convince them that it's in their best interest to vote in the Nov. 2 elections that could give Republicans control of one or both houses of Congress. (AP)

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As U.S. Sway Wanes, Iraq Turns to Others

Mideast neighbors are now gaining an influence, Iraqis say

Baghdad

American influence has so dwindled in Iraq over the last several months that Iraqi lawmakers and political leaders say they no longer follow Washington's advice for forming a government.

Instead, Iraqis are turning to neighboring nations, and especially

Iran, for guidance — casting doubt on the future of the American role in this strategic country.

"The Iraqi politicians are not responding to the U.S. like before. We don't pay great attention to them," Shiite lawmaker Sami al-Askari, a close ally of Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki, said Thursday.

Iraqis measure U.S. influence largely by its military presence, which dipped by threefold from the war's peak to 50,000 troops in late August. As a result, Baghdad is now

Meanwhile ...

Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki was in Ankara on Thursday to meet with Turkish Prime Minister Recep Tayyip Erdogan. But it is Iraq's warming alliance with Iran that worries the U.S.: This week, top Iranian officials gave al-Maliki their clearest nod of support yet during his trip to Tehran. (AP)

brushing off U.S. urgings to slow-walk a new government.



Prime Minister Nouri al-Maliki is reaching out to Iraq's neighbors for support.

But Iraq cannot afford to ignore completely what Washington wants. For one, that could bring the end of U.S. help and financial backing to broker \$13 billion worth of contracts for military equipment.

The days of the U.S. calling the shots in Iraq are long over, largely because of President Obama's intent to scale back the U.S. presence.

That's led Iraqi leaders to reach out to Mideast neighbors. Leaders from rival coalitions have been to Iran, Jordan, Egypt, Syria and Saudi Arabia on official visits. (AP)

Sarkozy Decries Protesters as Bill Advances

Paris

Police used tear gas and water cannon against rampaging youth in Lyon on Thursday while the French government showed its muscle in parliament, short-circuiting tense Senate debate on a bill raising the retirement age to 62.

Despite growing pressure, President Nicolas Sarkozy held firm on a measure he says is crucial to the future of France, heightening the standoff with labor unions that see retirement at 60 as a hard-earned right.

"It is not troublemakers who will have the last word in a democracy," Sarkozy told local officials in central France, promising to find and punish rioters. He accused strikers of "taking the economy, businesses, daily life hostage."

The tough talk extended to parliament where the government short-circuited a protracted debate on the retirement bill by ordering Senators to vote on a package of its own design.

Labor Minister Eric Woerth explained there would be a single vote this week, likely Friday,



Plainclothes officers detain protesters in Paris on Thursday, where demonstrations against pension reform plans continued.

on a package — and no voting on the remaining 250 of some 1,000 amendments. The final text was expected to be adopted next week by both houses.

The French government — like many heavily indebted governments around Europe — says raising the minimum retirement age from 60 to 62 and overhauling the

Meanwhile ...

The strikes in France are hitting the entertainment industry, too. Lady Gaga's website says the singer postponed two Paris concerts scheduled for Friday and Saturday "as there is no certainty the trucks can make it" to the show. (AP)

money-losing pension system are vital to ensuring that future generations receive any pensions at all.

Defiant unions announced two more days of protest, one on Nov. 6 — long after the bill is likely to become law. The bold action suggested that opponents believe they have the power to force the government's hand. ANGELA CHARLTON (AP)

In Brief

CAIRO

Official: Mubarak Plans To Seek Another Term

A top Egyptian ruling party official said President Hosni Mubarak, 82, will seek a new term in next year's elections despite widespread speculation that he might step down. Mubarak has maintained silence on his intentions. (AP)

ST. MARC, HAITI

Diarrhea Kills at Least 54

An outbreak of severe diarrhea in rural central Haiti has killed at least 54 people and sickened hundreds more who overwhelmed a crowded hospital Thursday seeking treatment. Doctors were testing for cholera, typhoid and other illnesses in the nation's deadliest outbreak since the January earthquake that killed as many as 300,000 people. (AP)

BRUSSELS

Teacher Gets 30 Years In Parachuting Death

A teacher who doctored the parachute of a love rival, causing her to fall to her death, was sentenced Thursday to 30 years in prison. In sentencing Els Clottemans, 26, the judge said the only mitigating circumstance in the 2006 skydive murder was her psychological condition. She attempted suicide in 2008. (AP)

244K The number of Germans who have asked Google to make their homes unrecognizable in its Street View mapping program, which is slated to launch in Germany next month. Street View is available in 23 countries. Germany is the only country where citizens could request homes be removed before going online. (AP)



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Top Putin Aide OK'd As Moscow Mayor

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Moscow

Prime Minister Vladimir Putin's stony-faced chief of staff was named the new mayor of Moscow on Thursday, cementing the powerful Russian leader's control over the capital and its sizable chunk of the nation's wealth.

Sergei Sobyenin, 52, was approved by the city legislature in a vote largely seen as a formality. Immediately afterward, he accepted a medal from Putin and underlined his loyalty, saying that "even though I'm no longer a member of the Cabinet, I will remain a member of your team."

The new mayor is the temperamental opposite of his predecessor, the boisterous Yuri Luzhkov, who was fired by President Dmitry Medvedev last month after 18 years in office. Luzhkov has made clear he believes the reason behind



GRIGORY DUKOR/AFP/GETTY IMAGES

Opponents reportedly nicknamed the stony-faced Sergei Sobyenin "Robot."

his ouster was the Kremlin's desire to have a more pliant mayor before next year's parliamentary elections and the 2012 vote for the presidency, which Putin is widely expected to reclaim.

Speaking before Thursday's vote, Sobyenin criticized the former city government, without naming Luzhkov, and promised to cut Moscow's notorious red tape, create better conditions for investors, improve congested roads, and boost education and health care. (AP)

Garbage Plans Spark Protests in Naples



SALVATORE LAPORTA/AP

A DEMONSTRATOR SHOUTS into a megaphone Thursday as police march past burning garbage trucks in Naples, Italy. Residents are protesting plans to build a trash dump at a national park because landfills are filling up.

'Indescribably Ashamed'

Disgraced Canadian colonel sentenced to life for two murders

Belleville, Ontario

The former commander of Canada's largest air force base said Thursday he deeply regretted his "despicable crimes," moments before he was sentenced to life in prison with no possibility of parole for 25 years for murdering two women.

Col. Russell Williams, 47, pleaded guilty to three counts of first-degree murder, two sexual assaults and 82 counts of breaking and entering, during which he took hundreds of undergarments from women and young girls.

Ontario judge Robert F. Scott sentenced Williams after the former elite pilot tearfully addressed the court, lamenting his crimes and



Canadian Col. Russell Williams, 47, leaves his sentencing Thursday in Ontario.

the pain he has caused the victims and their family and friends.

"I stand before you indescribably ashamed," Williams said.

He pleaded guilty Monday to murdering Jessica Lloyd, 27, whose body was found in February, and Marie Comeau, a 37-year-old cor-

poral under his command who was found dead last November.

Williams was a rising star in the military before he was charged earlier this year. He once flew prime ministers and served as a pilot to Queen Elizabeth II during a 2005 visit. CHARMINE NORONHA (AP)

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Party May Be Over at the Turtle

Local leaders pushing to close controversial UMd. off-campus bar

College Park

The Thirsty Turtle bar has been open for three years, but that's long enough to develop a reputation and following among University of Maryland students.

The Turtle, as students call it, is known for its packed dance floor, loud music, sticky floors, cheap drinks and, as the bar has been charged, often lax carding at the door.

"They call it the freshman bar," said Brian Hearn, 21, a senior communications major. "It was a joke getting in there. I guess it still is."

Last week police responded to a fight-turned-stabbing on Route 1, involving five intoxicated men who had been kicked out of the College Park bar. Three of the victims were underage UMd. students.

It wasn't the first time drunk students have been connected to the bar, said David B. Mitchell, the



A stabbing occurred last week involving five people kicked out of the Thirsty Turtle.

"They call it the freshman bar. It was a joke getting in there. I guess it still is."

— BRIAN HEARN, A SENIOR COMMUNICATIONS MAJOR AT UMD - COLLEGE PARK.

new chief of the university's police department.

In the first three weeks of the semester, 24 students were hospitalized for alcohol-related issues, a sharp increase over last year. Several of those students told police

they'd been drinking at the Turtle at the time, Mitchell said, a trend also confirmed by student affairs and residence life officials.

Last week Mitchell urged city officials to shut down the Route 1 bar, saying at a press conference

that he wished he could padlock the doors himself. A liquor licensing hearing is scheduled for Nov. 3.

"I will use every legal angle at my disposal to ensure the safety of my students," Mitchell said. "I will use anything and everything."

The last bar in the Turtle's spot was Terrapin Station, which lost its liquor license in the late 1990s. In between the two, an Italian bar and restaurant tried unsuccessfully to operate in the space.

Terrapin Station was the site of several violent fights: In 1998, two Maryland lacrosse players were stabbed just outside the bar. Later that year, a 19-year-old was charged with attempted murder in the beating of four male students with a tire iron outside the bar.

"Things aren't looking good — I'll say that — for the Thirsty Turtle right now," said Marcus Afzali, 25, a City Council member who also is a government and political science graduate student at UMd. The council supported scheduling the November hearing. "We don't want to wait for something else to happen." JENNA JOHNSON (THE WASHINGTON POST)



We're Getting a Dog, Kids! There's a new tool in Maryland for parents who want to stop their kids from using drugs. They can hire a drug-sniffing dog to come to their house. The service is provided by a new Catonsville-based nonprofit called Dogs Finding Drugs. It offers the services of canines trained to work in law enforcement that can detect even trace amounts of narcotics within seconds. The rate is about \$200 an hour. (AP)

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Damp Side Of the Moon

How They Did It: Ready, Aim, Blast Off

Researchers launched the \$79 million moon mission known as the Lunar Crater Observation and Sensing Satellite, or LCROSS, to determine whether water exists at the moon's poles. On Oct. 9, 2009, a rocket slammed into the Cabeus crater, on the south pole and permanently in shadow. The impact sent debris more than half a mile above the crater floor, which a spacecraft then flew through for analysis. LCROSS was hatched as a robotic mission before a future human trip, but Congress has moved away from manned trips to the moon. (AP/BLOOMBERG)

Why We Care: A Future on the Moon?

The discovery of a greater-than-expected amount of water in the Cabeus crater proves the moon is not a dry, desolate world. It offers hope for a possible future astronaut outpost or space refueling station. There

may be sufficient water on the moon to separate into its component parts, hydrogen and oxygen, and use the hydrogen for rocket fuel, said Anthony Colaprete, a planetary scientist for NASA and an author of three papers on the NASA mission that appear in Friday's issue of Science. That could mean the moon would be useful as a launching point for missions to other destinations, such as a moon of Saturn or Jupiter.

(AP/BLOOMBERG)

5.6%

The volume of water in the material kicked up when a NASA rocket crashed into the moon. That's more water by mass than in the Sahara Desert, which has 2 to 3 percent. (BLOOMBERG)



1,500

Scientists have estimated the total quantity of water in the Cabeus crater is 1 billion gallons, or enough to fill 1,500 Olympic-sized swimming pools. (AP)

to an "oasis in a lunar desert."

"The resources are there and potentially usable for future missions," he said, adding there could be more such craters at both the moon's poles.

"We didn't know the moon after all," said Peter Schultz, a planetary geologist at Brown University and author of two of the papers published on the discovery. "It's like there was a different face and it was hidden in a treasure trove."

But the scientists' excitement is tempered by the political reality that there's no plan by the United States to land on the moon anytime soon.

Besides water, the plume also contained carbon monoxide, carbon dioxide, ammonia, sodium, mercury and silver. The findings were published in Friday's issue of the journal Science.

How the soup of compounds became trapped in Cabeus crater, among the coldest places in the solar system, is unclear. One theory is that

they came from comets and asteroids, which pounded the lunar surface billions of years ago, and later drifted to the poles.

While scientists celebrated the copious data returned to Earth, the highly hyped mission last year was a public relations bomb. Space fans who stayed up all night to glimpse NASA's promised plume through webcast or telescopes saw little more than a fuzzy white flash.

Last month, Congress approved a blueprint for NASA that shifts the focus from a manned moon landing in favor of sending astronauts to near-Earth asteroids and eventually Mars. A return to the moon could potentially be a way station — something still to be decided — but the moon won't be an overall goal.

Given the recent water find, "it's disappointing that we're not going to forge ahead" with a moon return next decade, said space scientist Greg Delory of the University of California, Berkeley, who was not involved in the project. (AP/BLOOMBERG)

"When the time is right, we're going to send people there again."

— GREG DELORY, A SPACE SCIENTIST FROM THE UNIVERSITY OF CALIFORNIA, BERKELEY, ON THE FUTURE OF MANNED MISSIONS TO CONTINUE EXPLORATION OF THE MOON.

An icy revelation adds merit to the idea of a lunar rest stop for astronauts

Los Angeles

When NASA blasted a hole in the moon last year in search of water, scientists figured there would be a splash. They just didn't know how big.

Now new results from the Hollywood-esque moonshot reveal lots of water in a crater where the sun never shines — 41 gallons of ice and vapor.

That may not sound like much — it's what a typical washing machine uses for a load — but it's almost twice as much as researchers had initially measured and more than they ever expected to find.

The estimate represents only what scientists can see from the debris plume that was kicked up from the high-speed crash near the south pole by a NASA spacecraft in October 2009.

Mission chief scientist Anthony Colaprete of the NASA Ames Research Center likened the crater



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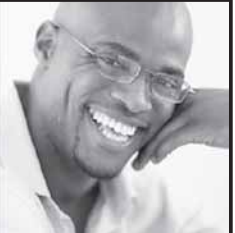
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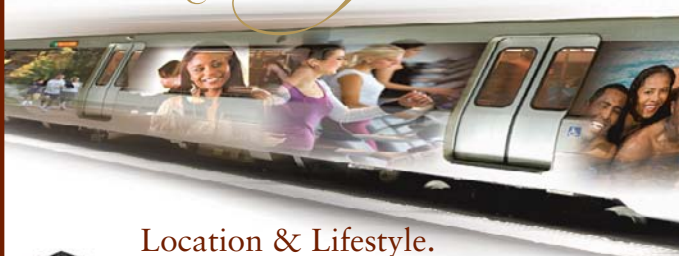
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Cracking down on illegal helmet-to-helmet hits is a no-brainer for the NFL | 22



TV Lineup



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Josh Hamilton and the Rangers are one win away from the World Series.

Friday

8 P.M. Josh Hamilton and Texas Rangers aim to close out the New York Yankees in Game 6 of the ALCS. TBS

8 P.M. Big East rivals Cincinnati and South Florida hit the gridiron. ESPN2

Saturday

NOON Virginia Tech can stay undefeated in the ACC with a victory over Duke. My20

NOON Can Navy beat Notre Dame once again? CBS

3:30 P.M. If there is a Game 7 of the ALCS, and, more importantly, if Game 6 of the NLCS is necessary, the San Francisco Giants play a matinee against the Philadelphia Phillies. Fox

7 P.M. After two games against the Bruins, the Caps face off against the Atlanta Thrashers. CSN

8 P.M. If necessary, Cliff Lee will pitch for the Rangers in Game 7 of the ALCS against the Yankees. TBS

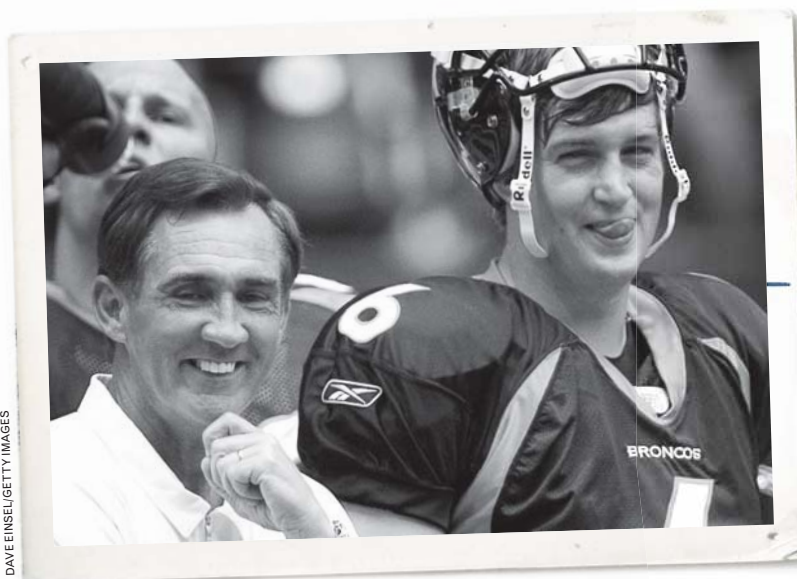
Sunday

1 P.M. NASCAR makes a pit stop in Martinsville, Va., for the Tums Fast Relief 500. ESPN

1 P.M. The Redskins battle the Bears. Fox

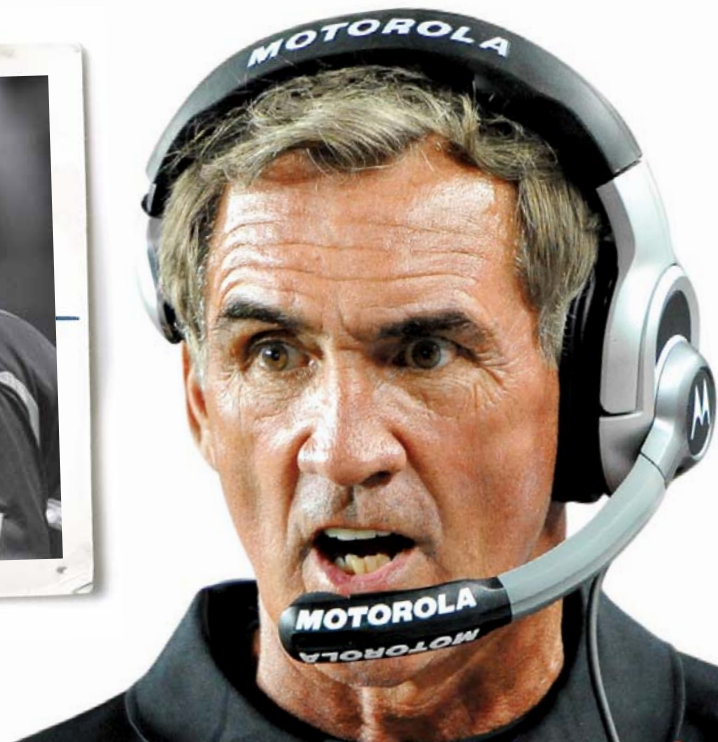
1 P.M. The Ravens look to get back in the win column when playing the Buffalo Bills. CBS

8 P.M. Brett Favre returns to Lambeau Field when the Vikings visit the Packers. ESPN



DAVE EISEN/GETTY IMAGES

Before turning to veteran QB Donovan McNabb in Washington, coach Mike Shanahan drafted, and then tutored, first-round draft choice Jay Cutler with the Denver Broncos.



Know Thy Enemy

Redskins, Bears set for reunion for some and a brawl for all

The Redskins

Reunions rarely involve this much hitting.

Many familiar faces will be staring at each other when the Redskins (3-3) take to the field against the Bears in Chicago on Sunday.

Redskins coach Mike Shanahan will take on his old protégé Jay Cutler, the quarterback Shanahan drafted for Denver in 2006 and a player the Redskins nearly traded for in 2009.

Donovan McNabb will be making another trip to his hometown to play against a team that he was frequently linked to in the last few years in Philadelphia. And if anything were to go wrong for McNabb,

Old QB, New Tricks

Redskins coaches have been trying to improve Donovan McNabb's accuracy, and to do that they've focused on his footwork. In studying tape, coaches noticed that when McNabb's stance is more narrow, he strides into his throws and isn't as balanced as they'd like. By widening his stance, they hope, a more steady base leads to better throws. As he's learned a new offense, McNabb has been inconsistent. His 78.8 QB rating is No. 24 in the league, though his 260 yards per game rank him sixth in the NFL. (THE WASHINGTON POST)



1 P.M.
Sunday | FOX



backup quarterback Rex Grossman — who led Bears to the 2007 Super Bowl — would get a shot for redemption against his old team.

While Redskins fans may cringe at the thought of McNabb getting hit, this trip to Chicago has the makings of a defensive brawl. Both teams have some issues on the

offensive line: Chicago has given up a league-worst 27 sacks and McNabb has been sacked 14 times in just six games.

Part of the reason teams have been able to tee off on Cutler is the new offense he's playing in. Orchestrated by former St. Louis Rams offensive guru Mike Martz, Cutler now presides over a slew of multi-receiver sets, which means he has fewer players protecting him.

"[Cutler is a] fierce competitor," Shanahan said. "He'll stand

in the pocket and take some shots. I like the guy and think he's got a great future.

"Any time you get used to a new system ... it's a learning process. ... It doesn't always happen overnight. Hopefully, it doesn't happen this weekend."

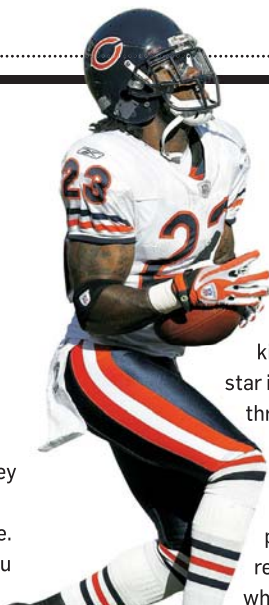
Cutler and McNabb's plights are complicated because both defenses are capable of getting to the quarterback. The Bears may only have nine sacks this season, but defensive end Julius Peppers is a perennial Pro Bowler. When Cutler is on the field, the Redskins' defense will likely show him several exotic formations, which could confuse Chicago's offensive line.

"We can't come in there looking at past film and say, 'Oh, this is going to happen with us.' We've got to make that happen," Redskins cornerback Carlos Rogers said. ERIC BRANDNER

THE REDSKINS WILL WIN IF ...



1 They act like Yogi Bear. Yogi was always hungry and knew how to steal pic-a-nic baskets. The Redskins' defense needs to show that same combination of desire and know-how when opportunities arise if they are to win what could be another close game. Carlos Rogers, are you listening?



2 They kick away from Devin Hester.

While not returning kickoffs anymore, the Bears star is still a special teams threat on punts. In fact, he's already returned two for touchdowns this season and is averaging an eye-popping 17 yards per punt return. This may be a case when it's best to play it safe.



3 Albert Haynesworth has a sack. Going against a suspect Bears offensive line, coach Mike Shanahan needs to put aside grudges and play his best defensive lineman. Given the chance, Haynesworth could be a disruptive force on a unit that needs all the help it can get.

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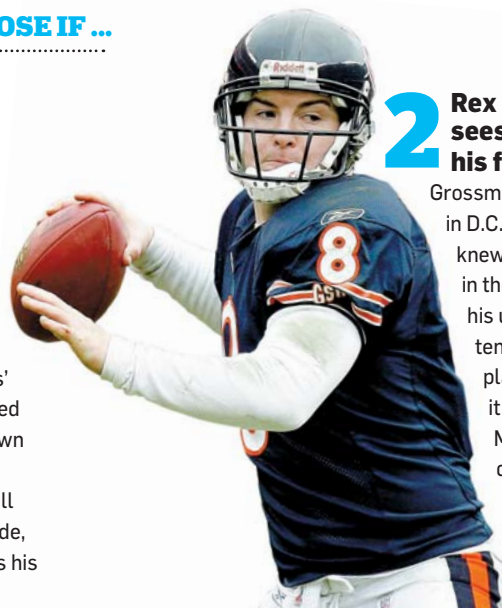
HOW THE REDSKINS COULD WIN OR LOSE THIS WEEK

THE REDSKINS WILL LOSE IF ...



1 We're reading about another DeAngelo Hall outburst next week.

Twice, the cornerback has spoken up against the Redskins' coverage schemes. And it's happened after the team's secondary has blown coverages that led to long gains. Chicago's Jay Cutler could burn Hall and the Redskins if a mistake is made, so Washington must hope Hall does his talking on the field.



2 Rex Grossman sees action against his former team.

Grossman is a fine backup in D.C., but Chicago fans knew not too much faith in the quarterback during his up-and-mostly down tenure there. If he's playing this week, it means Donovan McNabb has gone down, and it seems fair to say the Redskins won't do well without their leader.



3 The game comes down to a Graham Gano kick.

OK, he did drill the game-winner against the Packers, but Washington's placekicker has made only 75 percent of his field goals this season. Especially on long attempts, Gano's accuracy has been extremely suspect, so the team would be wise not to count on Gano's right leg.

College Kickoffs



LSU (6) AT AUBURN (5)

Story Line: Cameron Newton's run at the Heisman will go into full gear if Auburn can knock off the only other SEC team that is still undefeated. LSU's big challenge will be keeping up with Auburn's high-powered offense. The Tigers threw for only 103 yards against McNeese last week. (3:30 P.M., CBS)

OKLAHOMA (3) AT MISSOURI (18)

Story Line: Just what the Sooners don't need: a road game against a top-25 league opponent the first week after being ranked No. 1 in the BCS standings. The target will be on Oklahoma's back until it loses. (8 P.M., ABC)

WISCONSIN (10) AT IOWA (13)

Story Line: This smashmouth contest pits Wisconsin's huge offensive line, creating enough holes for 232.7 rushing yards per game, against what may be the nation's best defensive line in Iowa, which allows just 83.8 rushing yards per game. (3:30 P.M., ESPN)

ALL GAMES PLAYED ON SATURDAY

Ravens' Reed Ready to Make Season Debut

Pro Football

Baltimore Ravens safety Ed Reed stepped back into his role as a football player this week after spending the past six weeks as a self-appointed cheerleader and coach.

Reed was placed on the physically unable to perform list in September so he could sufficiently recover from offseason hip surgery. On game days, instead of making big plays as Baltimore's last line of defense, he shouted encourage-



Ravens safety Ed Reed, right, talks with head coach John Harbaugh in the preseason.



ment to his teammates and talked strategy with the cornerbacks and safeties.

"It was definitely fun and different," Reed said. "The most important thing was: How can I get better, and how can I help the team?"

Reed is most valuable to the Ravens when in uniform. In his

first eight years in the league, he was named to six Pro Bowls, had 46 interceptions and scored 13 touchdowns.

Now he's on the brink of contributing again after practicing Wednesday for the first time this season. Still, there are some issues that must be resolved before the 32-year-old gets the go-ahead against the winless Buffalo Bills.

"I think we'll be prudent, certainly, but there's definitely a possibility he can play," coach John Harbaugh said. "It's going to be based on how he responds to practicing football at a fast pace." (AP)

Friedgen Is Back on the Hot Seat



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Sat. | ESPN3



Terps Football

The season that will decide Ralph Friedgen's future is half-done — and the fate of the Maryland program is no less murky than it was when the season began on Labor Day.

Essentially auditioning for his own job in front of a new school president and a new athletic director, the Terrapins coach is off to a respectable 4-2 start, splitting his two ACC games. But the team has faltered against its most formidable opponents, West Virginia and Clemson, losing by a combined 72-24 margin.

After last week's road loss to the Tigers — one in which the Terra-



Ralph Friedgen is trying to prove that he deserves an 11th season at Maryland.

pins dominated the stat sheet but were undone by an unsightly mix of penalties, turnovers and special teams flubs — Friedgen vented his anger first to his players in a post-

Change in Plans?

New Maryland athletic director Kevin Anderson supported Ralph Friedgen but has not gone so far as to guarantee the 10th-year coach will be employed next year. He's also expressed distaste for the coach-in-waiting scenario put in place by his predecessor, in which offensive coordinator James Franklin will be paid \$1 million if he is not named head coach by 2013. That means Franklin, a charismatic coach and recruiter, is also coaching for his future this season. D.T.

game dressing-down and then to the gathered media.

By midweek, his emotions had settled but the substance remained. "What frustrated me was that mis-

takes like these can cost the game," he said. "We're a better football team than the way we played."

If the Terrapins can pull off victories against the three sub-.500 opponents, they'll be at seven wins and comfortably bowl eligible. Then Friedgen will avoid the desperate scenario of needing to pull off upset wins when the season wraps up against No. 17 Florida State (6-1, 4-0) and North Carolina State (5-2, 2-1).

It will have to start Saturday against Boston College. "I think after the [Clemson] loss, a lot of us took it personally," freshman quarterback Danny O'Brien said. "The older guys like [Adrian] Moten, Torrey [Smith], [Alex] Wujciak and Adrian Cannon have been lifting us up. It's gut-check time for us."

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NFL Saving Players From Themselves

Just in case you thought it unfair to call NFL players blockheads, there comes along a week like this one.

In the aftermath of one of the most brutal weeks in memory — even league officials said there concussions at every turn — commissioner Roger Goodell and company decided to finally do something about excessive violence.

The key word there being "excessive."

By announcing it will start suspending players for helmet-to-helmet hits — which, by the way, are illegal — the NFL is looking out for its employees (those being the players).



By Matt Swenson

Favre's Wife Relies on Faith Amid Scandal











Pro Football

Deanna Favre says her religious faith and an outward focus are helping her overcome the allegations of improper behavior that have been leveled against her husband, Brett Favre.

Deanna Favre was interviewed Thursday on "Good Morning America" about a book she co-authored with Shane Stanford called "The Cure for the Chronic Life," which is about getting past hard times and patterns of unhealthy behavior.

During the interview, Deanna Favre was asked how she's handling the accusations against Brett Favre, who is being investigated by the NFL for allegedly sending suggestive messages and lewd photos to a woman who worked for the New York Jets.

Deanna Favre says: "I'm handling this through faith." (AP)

Sunday Pick'Em		Matt Swenson SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Clinton Yates SPORTS EDITOR, EXPRESS	Dan Steinberg D.C. SPORTS BOG, THE WASHINGTON POST	John Domen NEWS ANCHOR, 106.7 THE FAN
 	REDSKINS (PLUS 3) AT BEARS	REDSKINS The Redskins have looked half-good recently, while the Bears are half-bad.	BEARS I wouldn't want to be in Brian Urlacher's crosshairs when he's angry.	BEARS Sadly, the Redskins feel due for another stinker.	REDSKINS Don't be too surprised when Haynesworth is named player of the game.
 	STEELERS (MINUS 3) AT DOLPHINS	STEELERS With Roethlisberger back, Pittsburgh is a serious Super Bowl contender	DOLPHINS The Browns don't count, so Big Ben's first real test — on the road, no less — will be tough.	STEELERS Here's hoping Big Ben stays far away from South Beach.	DOLPHINS James Harrison's retirement saga is even less interesting than Brett Favre's.
 	VIKINGS (PLUS 3) AT PACKERS	VIKINGS Scandal or not, Favre always plays well at Lambeau Field.	PACKERS If Clay Matthews is back, I don't think the Vikings have a chance in a hostile Lambeau.	PACKERS Though I'm guessing Favre will have more pained grimaces than touchdown passes.	PACKERS How many Packers fans lie and say they always liked QB Aaron Rodgers?
 	PATRIOTS (PLUS 3) AT CHARGERS	PATRIOTS If you are in a survivor pool, this is your pick. Not that we condone gambling at Express.	PATRIOTS Danny Woodhead is quickly becoming my favorite non-Redskins player in the NFL.	CHARGERS If these things were logical, I wouldn't be 2-73 on my picks this season.	PATRIOTS These are like the Chargers teams I knew as a kid: bad and irrelevant.
 	GIANTS (PLUS 3) AT COWBOYS	GIANTS My gut says the Cowboys are due for a win, but this isn't my year for instincts.	COWBOYS Another job-saver for Wade Phillips after getting the dreaded vote of confidence.	GIANTS Wade Phillips is still coaching the Cowboys, right? Yeah.	GIANTS Watching Dallas' offense is like watching a teen learn to drive stick. Start. Stop. Stall.

Season Tally: Clinton Yates, 18-12; Big Tigger, 11-9; John Domen, 12-13; Matt Swenson 12-18; Dan Steinberg, 9-11; Arnie Applebaum, 9-11

The NFL seems justifiably concerned that someone is going to die on its watch if nothing is done.

You'd think some gratitude would be shown. Instead, the Steelers' Jamis Harrison, hit with a \$75,000 fine for his double-whammy on the Browns' receiving corps, feigned retirement talk while Ravens linebacker Ray Lewis praised the very hits that are ruining these people's brains.

Concussions are no joke, but it's clear from the players' outcry that they think they're part of the game. Again, "blockheads" comes to mind, and not the New Kids on the Block groupies (although brain damage may be at play there, too).

The NFL seems justifiably concerned someone is going to die on its watch if nothing is done. Big hits are still possible, just at shoulder pad level. It's lucky someone is looking out for these athletes, who need saving from themselves.

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PRO TIP: Voters say the pitchers of beer are a better deal than the bottle bucket — unless you’re there on Saturday, when the bar offers bucket specials. R.K.

● **639 Indiana Ave. NW; 202-347-6666, DCsportstavern.com. (Archives)**

► **2nd: EIGHTEENTH STREET LOUNGE**, 1212 18th St. NW; 202-466-3922, Eighteenthstreetlounge.com. (Dupont Circle)

► **3rd: BAR DUPONT**, 1500 New Hampshire Ave. NW; 202-483-6000. (Dupont Circle)

BAR FOOD

Chef Geoff's

Don’t call it “just” bar food — the fare may be simple, but as everyone knows, it’s easy for an over-worked kitchen to mess up burgers and fries. Not so at Geoff’s, where happy hour specials are given as much attention as the restaurant’s regular menu.

BORN YESTERDAY: Chef Geoff Tracy and wife Norah O’Donnell are the authors of the recently released “Baby Love” (\$20, St. Martin’s Griffin), a baby food cookbook. Parents can bring their offspring by to sample some of the recipes. R.K.

● **Multiple locations, Chefgeoff.com.**

► **2nd: BAR PILAR**, 1833 14th St. NW; 202-265-1751, Barpillar.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

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BARTENDER

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Kevin Martin, The Bottom Line

1716 I St. NW; 202-298-8488, Thebottomlinedc.com. (Farragut West)

Whether you want to unwind after 14 hours at the office or enjoy a noontime break, Kevin Martin is happy to help. He’s even happier to help if you contributed to his win. “If you voted for me, you get a shot on the house,” Martin says with a chuckle. “But I give away shots no matter what.” And that’s how you become D.C.’s best bartender.

BARGAIN STORE TIE-IN: Martin’s nickname is Kmart, so he calls his signature cocktails “blue light specials.” N.M.

BEER LIST
ChurchKey

With 500 bottled beers, 60 drafts and five casks on hand, ChurchKey still doesn’t have the biggest advertised selection in town. But beer director Greg Engert guarantees that nearly everything’s in stock. The list sorts beers by flavors, so instead of mixing stouts with ales simply for geographic reasons, choose from “Crisp,” “Hop,” “Smoke” or one of many other options. Can’t decide? Make your own flight of four-ounce pours.

DETAILS, DETAILS: The restaurant was custom-built to include a cask cooler and fridges that keep each beer at a precise temp. R.K.

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GAY BAR

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● **900 U St. NW; 202-332-6355, NelliesDC.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

► **2nd: COBALT**, 1639 R St. NW; 202-

232-4416, Cobaltdc.com. (Dupont Circle)

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HAPPY HOUR DEALS
Chef Geoff's

We have a lot of favorite happy hours, but when it comes to the sheer volume of deals available, we can’t argue with Chef Geoff’s. Six dollar burgers and \$9 pizzas are all very well, but it’s the \$8 supermugs that are the real draw. There’s something about those 34 ounces of beer, even when you know you’ll never finish it, that makes you feel like you’re being well taken care of. Happy hour goes all night on Mondays and Tuesdays and until 7 p.m. the rest of the week.

BUT IT’S AWKWARD THAT: Happy hour starts at 3 p.m. It’s so tough

to get a seat here that it tempts us to leave work at 2:30 p.m. Not that we’d ever do that. F.Z.

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► **2nd: MCCORMICK & SCHMICK’S**, multiple locations, Mccormickand-schmicks.com.

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HAPPY HOUR SCENE

The Front Page

This dark, friendly Dupont bar knows its clientele: They want a whole lot of cheap drinks after work, they want a bar crowded with their friends and some potential new friends, and they want buffalo wings. Sure, in the summer the interns crowd in here, but it’s a better class of intern than you’d find at, say, Hawk ‘n’ Dove, and they mostly make way for young professionals come fall.

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IRISH BAR

Fadó Irish Pub

There is this pub called Fadó, Where everyone loves to go, For pints of lager and traditional chow, Like shepherd’s pie that makes you go, “Wow!” And a burger so good, your tummy will glow.

MOST RANDOM FACT IN THIS ISSUE: Fadó means “long ago” in Irish, but in Portuguese the word translates to “destiny.” N.M.

● **808 7th St. NW; 202-789-0066, Fadoirishpub.com/washington. (Gallery Place)**

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SPORTS BAR Buffalo Billiards

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There's so much competition on view here that fans should be awarded gold medals just for hanging out.

INTERESTING FACT TO SHARE AT HALFTIME: Buffalo Bill got his name by killing a lot of buffalo in a short period of time. OK, that's not very interesting. Never mind. **N.M.**

● **1330 19th St. NW; 202-331-7665, Buffalobilliards.com/dc. (Dupont Circle)**

► **2nd: PENN QUARTER SPORTS TAVERN**, 639 Indiana Ave. NW; 202-347-6666, Dcsportstavern.com. (Archives)

► **3rd: CRYSTAL CITY SPORTS PUB**, 529 S. 23rd St., Arlington; 703-521-8215, Ccsportspub.com. (Crystal City)

VINEYARD Chrysalis Vineyards

More than 70 acres of grapes power the vino of this Blue Ridge powerhouse, which makes and pours a mix of Eurovarietals (viognier, Albarino) plus Virginia's own Norton grape. Norton produces a lusty, earthy red wine that cries out for a steak or some of the cheese served up in Chrysalis' attractive, neo-Victorian tasting room.

EAT, DRINK, BE MERRY: The winery's gas grills are available for customers, so pack a picnic and buy a bottle. **R.K./J.B.**

● **23876 Champe Ford Road, Middleburg, Va.; 540-687-8222, Chrysaliswine.com.**

► **2nd: BLUEMONT VINEYARD**, 18755 Foggy Bottom Road, Bluemont, Va.; 540-554-8439, Bluemontvineyard.com.

► **3rd: BARBOURSVILLE VINEYARDS**, 17655 Winery Road, Barboursville, Va.; 540-832-3824, Barboursvillewine.net.

WINE LIST Proof

Wine director Sebastian Zutant will happily suggest a bottle to anyone who asks, including the celebs who stop in. "Jeffrey Wright wanted bizarre Italian reds," he reveals. "But Bill Murray really just wanted to drink." Honestly, if we had starred in "Garfield: The Movie," we'd really want to drink, too.

HEY, BIG SPENDER: There are two bottles of 1947 Cheval Blanc available for \$11,000 each. **N.M.**

● **775 G St. NW; 202-737-7663, Proofdc.com. (Gallery Place)**

► **2nd: CORK RESTAURANT & WINE BAR**, 1720 14th St. NW; 202-265-2675, Corkdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

► **3rd: VINOTECA WINE BAR & BISTRO**, 1940 11th St. NW; 202-332-9463, Vinotecadc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

food

RESTAURANT Zaytinya

Bringing together Lebanese, Turkish and Greek influences, Zaytinya is the best three-way match-up since Stallone, Willis and Schwarzenegger's pithy tête-à-tête in "The Expendables." Luckily, there are fewer F-bombs flying when you enjoy zesty small plates

like Kibbeh and Cretan Snails. **GRADE-A EDUCATION:** If you don't see owner José Andrés hanging around, it's because he's teaching Culinary Physics at Harvard University this semester. **N.M.**

● **701 9th St. NW; 202-638-0800, Zaytinya.com. (Gallery Place)**

► **2nd: BUSBOYS AND POETS**, multiple locations, Busboysandpoets.com.

► **3rd: BLUE DUCK TAVERN**, 1201 24th St. NW; 202-419-6755, Blue-ducktavern.com. (Foggy Bottom)

NEW RESTAURANT Ping Pong Dim Sum

In a crowded landscape of new eateries, Ping Pong stands out,

thanks to its riffs on traditional fare and the friendly, plate-sharing atmosphere. Though they look wacky, most dishes are very traditional, says general manager Sherry Abedi: "We have dim sum chefs creating our menu for us." Except for the chocolate bun, maybe. "You have to provide something for the sweet tooth," Abedi explains.

ACROSS THE POND: When translating the U.K.-created menu for Yankees, the restaurateurs added salads. **R.K.**

● **1900 7th St. NW; 202-506-3740, PingPongdimsum.us. (Gallery Place)**

► **2nd: RIS**, 2275 L St. NW; 202-730-2500, Risdc.com. (Foggy Bottom)

► **3rd: TED'S BULLETIN**, 505 8th St. SE; 202-544-8337, Tedsbulletin.com. (Eastern Market)

LATE-NIGHT EATERY Ben's Chili Bowl

Out-of-towners, District residents, even presidents line up for this U Street icon's half smokes, chili and cheese fries. No matter the time of day, there's always a celebratory atmosphere, which makes the Chili Bowl seem more like an event than an eatery.

BRUSH WITH CELEBRITY: Callers put on hold will hear a message from Bill Cosby, who extols the deliciousness of Ben's chow. **N.M.**

● **1213 U St. NW; 202-667-0909, Benschilibowl.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

► **2nd: THE DINER**, 2453 18th St. NW; 202-232-8800, Trystdc.com/diner. (Woodley Park)

► **3rd: BOB & EDITH'S DINER**, 2310 Columbia Pike, Arlington; 703-920-6103.

BAKERY Georgetown Cupcake

TLC turned its cameras on this Georgetown hot spot this year — not that Georgetown Cupcake needed any help selling sweets. A recent Friday trip to the flagship shop found many out-of-towners waiting for their sugar fix. Laura McNeil, of Indianapolis, made her first visit with her son, Christopher, 26, who lives nearby. "He swears by these cupcakes," she says.

CROWD CONTROL: Place your order



TEDDY WOLFF

OUTDOOR DRINKING

Biergarten Haus

1355 H St. NE; 202-388-4053, Biergartenhaus.com.

From the World Cup to Oktoberfest, the team at Biergarten Haus loves to celebrate. And with a healthy range of pilsners, hefeweizens and doppelbocks on hand, it's easy to feel festive. Even if it's raining or Snowpocalypse, you can head outside to toast your team or your Teutonic roots, which is why this Haus truly rocks.

SHOCKING BUT TRUE: The Jägerschnitzel entrée contains absolutely no Jägermeister, though it comes with the equally fierce-sounding "Hunters Sauce." **N.M.**

► **2nd: PENN QUARTER SPORTS TAVERN**, 639 Indiana Ave. NW; 202-347-6666, Dcsportstavern.com. (Archives)

► **3rd: POSTE MODERNE BRASSERIE**, 555 8th St. NW; 202-783-6060, Postebrasserie.com. (Gallery Place)

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COCKTAIL MENU

Ping Pong Dim Sum

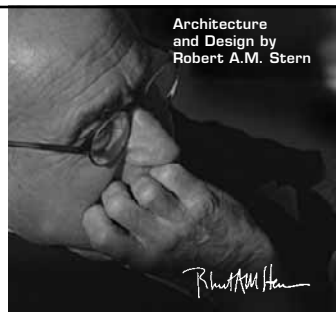
900 7th St. NW; 202-506-3740, Pingpongdimsum.us.
(Gallery Place)

It's not everywhere you can get a lychee martini or a kumquat mojito, and that's what diners love. The menu draws heavily on other Asian flavors, such as ginger and lemongrass. During happy hour, selected drinks drop to \$5 each.

YOU PROBABLY DIDN'T KNOW: Bartenders are trained by a mixologist flown in from overseas. "One of the most important things I've learned is the importance of ice," says bartender Shera Rivera. "It's your foundation." R.K.

► **2nd:** THE GIBSON, 2009 14th St. NW; 202-232-2156, Thegibsondc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

► **3rd:** PS 7'S RESTAURANT, 777 I St. NW; 202-742-8550, Ps7restaurant.com. (Gallery Place)



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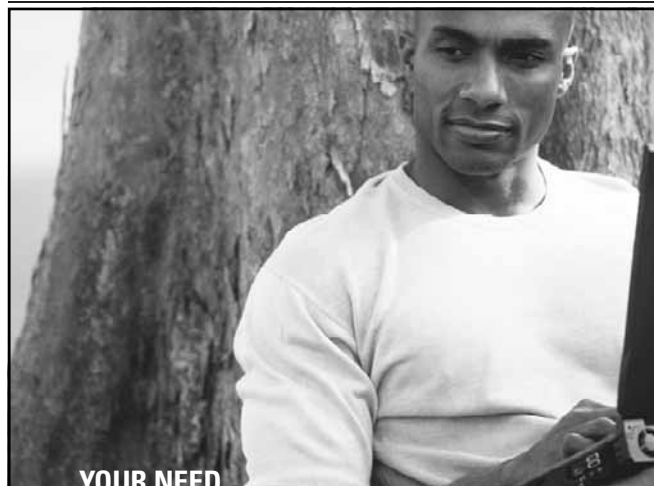
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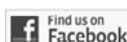
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online by 8 p.m. a day in advance to skip the queue for pickup. You'll need to secure December's gingerbread and chocolate egg nog flavors early. **K.A.**

• 3301 M St. NW; 202-333-8448 and 4834 Bethesda Ave., Bethesda; 301-907-8900, Georgetowncupcake.com.

► 2nd: BAKED & WIRED, 1052 Thomas Jefferson St. NW; 202-333-2500, Bakedandwired.com.

► 3rd: CAKELOVE, multiple locations, Cakelove.com.

BARBECUE
Rocklands

Whether you want barbecued pork ribs or a whole hog spit-roasted to order, Rocklands is where you want to be. Don't give us that, "I'd rather be on a desert island" line, either. It's harder to hunt wild pig than you think.

KEEP IT SPICY: Each branch of the local barbecue chain offers more than 120 hot sauces from around the world, including Sudden Death and Endorphin Rush. **N.M.**

• Multiple locations, Rocklands.com.

► 2nd: RED HOT AND BLUE, multiple locations, Redhotandblue.com.

► 3rd: OLD GLORY, 3139 M St. NW; 202-337-3406, Oldglorybbq.com.

BRUNCH
Tabard Inn

Among the temptations at this Saturday and Sunday midday dining spot are hot-from-the-fryer cinnamon sugared donuts accompanied by vanilla whipped cream and toasted almond waffles. Make reservations early; the Inn usually fills its brunch tables a week or more in advance.

LITERARY REFERENCE: The Tabard gets its name from the hostelry in Chaucer's "Canterbury Tales." **N.M.**

• 1739 N St. NW; 202-331-8528, Tabardinn.com. (Dupont Circle)

► 2nd: WHITLOW'S ON WILSON, 2854 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-276-9693, Whitlows.com. (Clarendon)

► 3rd: BUSBOYS AND POETS, multiple locations, Busboysandpoets.com.



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PET-FRIENDLY DINING

Jackson 20

480 King St., Alexandria; 703-842-2795, Jackson20.com.

Annee Gillette's official title is director of catering, but it ought to be "director of pet relations," she jokes. She and her bichon frise, Charlie, who accompanies her to work every day, manage the spot's twice-weekly Doggie Happy Hour, when canines can mingle on the enclosed patio. The scene's good for humans, too: "Everyone's so much friendlier when they have their dogs."

HOWL-OWEEN: The last happy hour of the season is Oct. 28, and pets are encouraged to come in costume. **N.M.**

► 2nd: CLARE AND DON'S BEACH SHACK, 130 N. Washington St., Falls Church; 703-532-9283, Clareanddons.com.

► 3rd: THE ARGONAUT, 1433 H St. NE; 202-397-1416, Argonaut.typepad.com.

BURGER
Five Guys

You won't see milk shakes, salads or "snack wraps" on the menu at a Five Guys: just various permutations of burgers, fries and hot dogs. But the chain wouldn't have more than 600 locations in two countries if that trinity didn't satisfy.

EXECUTIVE ORDER: When President Obama dropped in last May, he got a cheeseburger with lettuce, tomato, jalapenos and mustard, and an order of fries. **R.K.**

• Multiple locations, Fiveguys.com.

► 2nd: RAY'S HELL BURGER, 1713 Wilson Blvd, Arlington; 703-841-0001. (Court House)

► 3rd: GOOD STUFF EATERY, 303 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-543-8222, Goodstuffeatery.com. (Capitol South)

FROZEN TREAT
Rita's Ice

Ritaccino, Misto and Slennerini sound more like Italian superheroes than treats, but those are indeed the frozen desserts obtainable from any of the handful of Rita's D.C. area stores. Spread the word: Froyo is out, and Peeps-flavored Italian ice is in.

COLD COMFORTS: Most Rita's locations close in the winter, but the H Street location is open year-round. **R.K.**

• Multiple locations, Ritasice.com.

► 2nd: FRO-ZEN-YO, multiple locations, Frozenyo.com.

► 3rd: TANGYSWEET, 2029 P St. NW; 202-822-2066 (Dupont Circle) and 675 E St. NW; 202-347-7893, Tangysweet.com. (Archives)

ETHIOPIAN: TIE
Dukem and Meskerem

Usually, there's no such thing as a tie in life — just ask Al Gore. But diners made an exception when choosing their favorite Ethiopian joint. Dukem and Meskerem are both beloved for their sub-Saharan cuisine, including spicy beef kay watt stew and triangular deep-fried sambusa stuffed with ground beef, chilies and herbs.

KNOW-IT-ALL: If you follow your meal with coffee, the first serving is called "Abol," the second "Hulete-gna" and the third "Bereka." **N.M.**

• Dukem, 1114-1118 U St. NW; 202-667-8735, Dukemrestaurant.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

• Meskerem, 2434 18th St. NW; 202-462-4100, Meskeremethiopianrestaurantdc.

com. (Woodley Park)

► 3rd: ETETE, 1942 9th St. NW; 202-232-7600, Eterestaurant.com.

(Shaw)

INDIAN
Rasika

Nearly all of the reader comments about this year's repeat winner zeroed in on the restaurant's famed palak chaat: "OMG, the spinach appetizer!" "Crunchy spinach!" "Fried spinach is heaven." But Rasika caters to the non-Popeye crowd, too. Owner Ashok Bajaj recommends the mango shrimp and chicken kebabs, but since the menu changes seasonally — at least six times per year — you can discover new flavors with every visit.

DON'T BE GREEDY: "Share the food," recommends Bajaj. "That's the best way to enjoy the restaurant." **K.A.**

• 633 D St. NW; 202-637-1222,

Rasikarestaurant.com. (Archives)

► 2nd: HERITAGE INDIA, 2400 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-3120 and 1337 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-331-1414, Heritageindiausa.com. (Dupont Circle)

► 3rd: INDIQUE, 3512-14 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-244-6600, Indique.com. (Cleveland Park)

KID-FRIENDLY DINING
2 Amy's Pizza

Families flock to this bustling neighborhood pizzeria for its authentic Neapolitan-style pies. There's no actual kids' menu — but who needs pint-sized entrees when you can share slices? Customers have included Vice President Joe Biden and fam (who had a 25-minute wait in March). If air transport is how you roll, the website advises, "Please call ahead to make heliport arrangements."

DESSERT TIME: Try the sfogliatelle, flaky pastries filled with cream, a Neapolitan specialty. **K.A.**

• 3715 Macomb St. NW; 202-885-5700, 2amyspizza.com.

► 2nd: CHEF GEOFF'S, multiple locations, Chefgeoff.com.

► 3rd: THE ARGONAUT, 1433 H St. NE; 202-397-1416, Argonaut.typepad.com.

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FOOD TRUCK

Curbside Cupcakes

Locations vary; 202-495-0986, Curbsidecupcakes.com.

When "Transformers 3" was filming in D.C., the production company requested that Curbside Cupcakes drop by the set. The gig — 12:30 a.m. to 2:30 a.m. — wasn't exactly normal working hours, but "who says no to that?" says co-owner Kristi Cunningham. She scored a photo with Josh Duhamel and sold a "black cupcake" to Michael Bay. Curbside's been selling up to 1,000 made-from-scratch desserts per day for almost a year, since Cunningham and co-owner Sam Whitfield, above, decided to swap their careers in business consulting and law for the roving bakery. Even sweeter for the couple are their upcoming nuptials, next month.

FLAVOR FORECAST: Dolce de leche cupcakes are the newest flavor this month; in November, look for eggnog and chocolate peppermint. K.A.

► **2nd:** FOJOL BROTHERS, check Twitter.com/fojolbros.

► **3rd:** SWEETFLOW MOBILE, check Twitter.com/sweetflowmobile.

LOCAL COFFEE SHOP

Tryst Coffeehouse

Animal crackers in my chaippucino, monkeys and rabbits — OK, so it doesn't rhyme quite as well as the original Shirley Temple song, but Tryst's nostalgia-inducing crackers and signature drinks may be what pushed this local fave to the top. General manager Stephanie Lair says that the crackers are so popular that, "God forbid, when we don't have them, there's an uproar."

YOU MAY DIE: The Washington Carver is a food-coma-causing smoothie of chocolate and peanut butter. Add a shot of espresso if you don't want to nap the rest

of the day. R.K.

● **2459 18th St. NW; 202-232-5500, Trystdc.com. (Woodley Park)**

► **2nd:** MISHA'S COFFEE, 102 S. Patrick St., Alexandria; 703-548-4089, MishascOFFEE.com.

► **3rd:** BAKED & WIRED, 1052 Thomas Jefferson St. NW; 202-333-2500, Bakedandwired.com.

PIZZA

Matchbox

This win has been a long time coming for these pie pros. "We usually finish second or third, so it's pretty cool to be on top," admits founder Ty Neal. "Finally!" Standouts on Matchbox's pizza menu include the fire-roasted red peppers and garlic-

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● **713 H St. NW; 202-289-4441**
(Gallery Place) and **521 8th St. SE; 202-548-0369** (Eastern Market), **Matchboxdc.com.**

► **2nd:** **PIZZERIA PARADISO**, multiple locations, Eatyourpizza.com.

► **3rd:** **2 AMY'S PIZZA**, 3715 Macomb St. NW; 202-885-5700, 2amypizza.com.

MEAL UNDER \$10

Chipotle

We love D.C., not least for its Diverse, imaginative food, Falafel, half-smokes, these are hits To every lady, every dude. Yet, dear readers, from your votes The best cheap food is from a chain; Chipotle seems to float your boats For reasons that we can't explain. F.Z.

● **Multiple locations, Chipotle.com.**

► **2nd:** **FIVE GUYS**, multiple locations, Fiveguys.com.

► **3rd:** **AMSTERDAM FALAFEL**, 2425 18th St. NW; 202-234-1969, Falafelshop.com. (Woodley Park)

PHO
Pho 75

When you first walk into Pho 75's Rockville location, you're quickly directed to the bare-bones dining room. Five minutes later, a piping-hot bowl of 100-year-old Vietnamese tradition is staring you in the face. This onion- and meat-based noodle soup is a collision of sweet, sour and savory flavors — all for less than \$7 a bowl.

CUSTOMIZE: Add your own garnishes such as Sriracha hot sauce, sweet plum sauce and bean spouts. **R.G.**

● **771 Hungerford Drive, Rockville; 301-309-8873, and 1721 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-525-7355.**

Additional locations in Hyattsville and Falls Church.

► **2nd:** **PHO 14**, 1436 Park Road NW;

202-986-2326, Dcpho14.com. (Columbia Heights)

► **3rd:** **NAM-VIET**, 3419 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-237-1015 (Cleveland Park), and 1127 N. Hudson St., Arlington; 703-522-7110, Namviet1.com. (Clarendon)

STEAKHOUSE
Ray's: The Steaks

Michael Landrum, overlord of the Ray's empire, may not go in for fancy decor (or websites), but he does believe in straightforwardly awesome food. From the crab bisque opener to the main event steaks and the peanut butter fudge dessert, diners flock to Ray's no frills, all thrills dining.

PLAYLIST: In a 2009 Washingtonian article, Landrum noted that he likes jamming out to the Notorious B.I.G. and A Tribe Called Quest when he's cooking. **N.M.**

● **2300 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-841-7297. (Court House)**

► **2nd:** **MORTON'S THE STEAK-**

HOUSE, multiple locations, Mortons.com.

► **3rd:** **CAPITAL GRILLE**, multiple locations, Thecapitalgrille.com.

SUSHI
Sticky Rice

The problem with Sticky Rice is that after you've been there once, you always want to order exactly the same things. We're all for branching out, but you came all the way out to H Street, and you can't not order the South roll. Or the Goochland. But as long as you get the Sticky Balls, you'll be fine. Uncomfortably full, but fine.

BOOZE CLUE: Indulge in a few sake bombs at the bar downstairs. Balance the sake glass on some chopsticks over your beer, and when the gong sounds, bang the table and drink, Pledge. **F.Z.**

● **1224 H St. NE; 202-397-7655, Stickyricedc.com.**

► **2nd:** **SUSHI TARO**, 1503 17th St. NW; 202-462-8999, Sushitaro.com.

(Dupont Circle)

► **3rd:** **SUSHIKO**, 2309 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-333-4187, and 5455 Wisconsin Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-961-1644, Sushikorestaurants.com.

THAI
Thai Phoon

So it's no Thai Ranosaurus (a real place in New South Wales), but this Thai joint's clever name still washed the competition away. (Thanks, we'll be here all night.) Classics such as Pad Thai and drunken noodles fill the menu, but more exotic dishes are there, too.

UNCONVENTIONAL STANDOUTS: Try the fried string beans and steamed rockfish. **R.K.**

● **2011 S St. NW, 202-667-3505.**

► **2nd:** **THAI TANIC**, 1326-A 14th St. NW; 202-588-1795. (Dupont Circle), and 3462 14th St. NW; 202-387-0882, Thaitanic.us. (Columbia Heights)

► **3rd:** **BANGKOK 54**, 2919 Columbia

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VEGETARIAN MENU

Busboys and Poets

When Busboys opened its first location years ago, it was the burgers that drew accolades. But now the choices include vegetarian- and vegan-friendly items such as avocado sandwiches, wheatberry salad and veggie burgers. "We have often thought of vegan food being just sawdust and cardboard, but it has actually become really decent food," says owner Andy Shallal.

RECOMMENDED: Vegan pizza, with cheese that "actually melts" and the tempeh sandwich. R.K.

• Multiple locations, Busboysandpoets.com.

► **2nd: SUNFLOWER VEGETARIAN RESTAURANT**, 2531 Chain Bridge Road, Vienna; 703-319-3888, and 6304 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church; 703-237-3888, Crystalsunflower.com.

► **3rd: JAVA GREEN ECO CAFÉ**, 1020 19th St. NW; 202-775-8899, Javagreen.net. (Dupont Circle)

WINGS

Hard Times Café

Hard Times' wings are perhaps best served Texas style, the local chain's original recipe. Perfect for game day or one of the restaurant's various cheap-wing nights, these snacks — served grilled or fried — come with just enough of a kick to satisfy heat freaks and are sweet enough to appeal to all.

EAT YOUR HEART OUT: In January, Hard Times crowned the first "King of the Wing" in a 10-minute challenge. R.K.

• Multiple locations, Hardtimes.com.

► **2nd: CLYDE'S**, multiple locations, Clydes.com.

► **3rd: DUFFY'S IRISH PUB**, 2106 Vermont Ave. NW; 202-265-3413, Duffysdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

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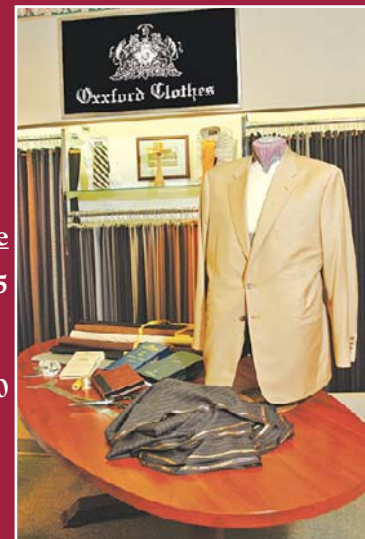
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FREE MUSIC Jazz at the Sculpture Garden

There are two types of people who go to the National Gallery of Art's summer jazz events: Those who like jazz and those just want to drink near a giant typewriter eraser by Claes Oldenburg. (Yes, there was actually a device between clay tablets and the word processor.)

VERBOTEN: While you may be tempted, it is absolutely against the rules to wade in the fountain. **R.G.**

● **700 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, Nga.gov. (Archives)**

► **2nd: KENNEDY CENTER MILLENNIUM STAGE**, 2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, Kennedy-center.org. (Foggy Bottom)

► **3rd: FORT RENO**, Fortreno.com.

LOCAL DJ Fatback

If you don't count health care and the BP oil spill, Fatback may be Express' most-covered subject. Seriously. Search "Fatback" in our archives. To mix it up, we asked the DJs (who spin every third Saturday at Liv) to come up with an acoustic that best describes what to expect at their bashes: Fela; Aretha Franklin; Teddy Pendergrass; Bar-Kays; Archie Bell and the Drells; Cyman-de; Kool and the Gang. **R.M.M.**

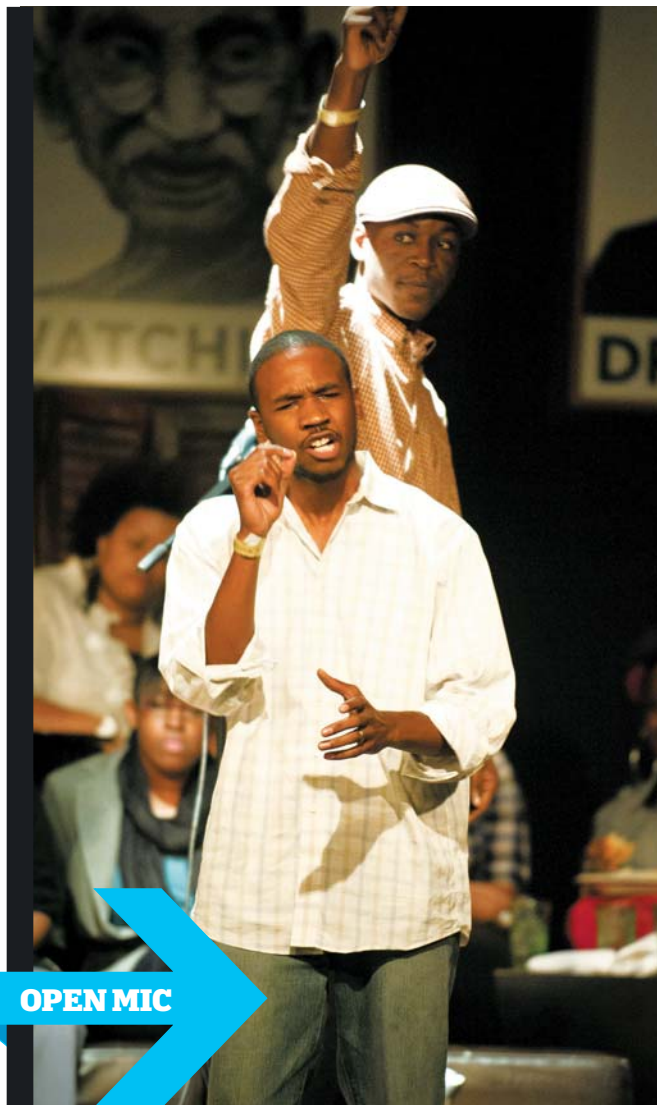
● **Liv at Bohemian Caverns, 2001 11th St. NW; 202-299-0800, Fatbackdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

LOCAL ACT Wale

Although his debut album, "Attention Deficit," didn't live up to its immense hype, Wale silenced critics with a slamming sequel, "More About Nothing." Locals love him for his DMV-centric rhymes, which often reference area landmarks, teams and athletes.

TWISDOM: The avid Twitterer (@Wale) recently offered this insight: "i wanna make music that make u cry think and dance ... obviously not at the same time." **R.G.**

MOVIE THEATER



OPEN MIC

Busboys & Poets

Multiple locations, Busboysandpoets.com.

Any open-mic night runs the risk of some not-so-stellar performers, but the stylings of poets and wannabes at Busboys' regular artistic free-for-alls are surprisingly good, and you practically have to cage fight to get your chance to show off your mad skills. Lines form hours ahead of time, says owner Andy Shalal. Perhaps most telling are the distances performers are willing to travel "to have five minutes on our stage," he adds. One artist even trekked from Canada for a spot.

BUST A RHYME: If you're too far back in line to score a slot one week, ask the organizers to put you on the list for the next week. **R.K.**

► **2nd: IOTA CLUB & CAFE**, 2832 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-522-8340, iotaclubandcafe.com. (Clarendon)

► **3rd: SPEAKEASY**, Speakeasydc.com.

Landmark E Street Cinema

Heading underground to see a movie just seems cooler than not. That's the first thing you notice about this art house cinema (there's a sister establishment in Bethesda). Also, you can drink here.

AWWW, HOW CUTE: We once saw George Stephanopoulos get carded ordering a beer. **R.G.**

● **555 11th St. NW; 202-452-7672, Landmarktheatres.com. (Metro Center)**

► **2nd: UPTOWN THEATER**, 3426 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-966-5400. (Cleveland Park)

► **3rd: AFI SILVER THEATRE**, 8633 Colesville Road, Silver Spring; 301-495-6720, Afi.com/silver. (Silver Spring)

MUSEUM

National Gallery of Art

The NGA's collection ranges from what our mom calls "stuff that looks like real life" to the giant swaths of paint on canvas about which ignorant people say, "My kid could do that." Also, there's gelato.

NO WAY. WAY! We have a special place in our heart for the singeries, depictions of monkeys in human dress doing human activities. See them in the West Building's French period rooms. **H.J.M.**

● **4th Street and Constitution Avenue NW; 202-737-4215, Nga.gov. (Archives)**

► **2nd: NATIONAL PORTRAIT GALLERY**, 8th and F streets NW; 202-633-1000, Npg.si.edu. (Gallery Place)

► **3rd: NEWSEUM**, 555 Pennsylvania Ave. NW; 888-639-7386, Newseum.org. (Archives)

READINGS

Politics and Prose

This powerhouse indie bookstore opened 26 years ago and continues to lure prize authors. Though the store is for sale, we hope whoever buys it will observe P&P traditions — like the lack of trashy romance novels. Also: Do you really want someone signing your Kindle?

APPRECIATION: Visit the website to browse tributes to co-founder Carla Cohen, who died on Oct. 11. **F.Z.**

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- **5015 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-364-1919, *Politics-prose.com*.**
- **2nd: BUSBOYS AND POETS**, multiple locations, *Busboysandpoets.com*.
- **3rd: WASHINGTON DC JCC**, 1529 16th St. NW; 202-518-9400, *Washingtondcjcc.org*. (Dupont Circle)

SMALL GALLERY Flashpoint

Flashpoint has grown from a tiny upstart into a comprehensive arts complex over the last 17 years. The gallery attracts both artists and curators to its nonprofit space, which also houses offbeat plays and dance performances.

DON'T MISS: There are occasionally Twister tournaments. *USA! USA! J.R.*

- **916 G St. NW; 202-315-1305, *Flashpointdc.org*. (Gallery Place)**
- **2nd: HILLYER ART SPACE**, 9 Hillyer Court NW; 202-338-0680, *Artsandartists.org*. (Dupont Circle)
- **3rd: WASHINGTON PRINTMAKERS GALLERY**, 8230 Georgia Ave., Silver Spring; 301-273-3660, *Washingtonprintmakers.com*.

THEATRE (BIG)

Kennedy Center

With opera, ballet and the-ay-ter, The Kennedy Center seems to cater To such a wide variety Of tastes in things to hear and see. But I think we can all agree The shows that bring us extra glee Are all the ones they do for free. F.Z.

● **2700 F St. NW; 202-467-4600, *Kennedy-center.org*. (Foggy Bottom)**

► **2nd: SHAKESPEARE THEATRE COMPANY**, 610 F St. NW; 202-547-1122; *Shakespearetheatre.org*. (Gallery Place)

► **3rd: WOOLLY MAMMOTH**, 641 D St. NW; 202-393-3939, *Woollymammoth.net*. (Gallery Place)

THEATRE (SMALL)

Washington Improv Theater

WIT's make-things-up-as-you-go approach has served it well through musicals, Christmas shows and the Neutrino Video Project, which is just like an improv show except that it's a movie.

PRACTICE: You can take classes through WIT. If you can't afford

tuition, practice on your own by lying to strangers. *F.Z.*

● **1835 14th St. NW; 202-204-7770, *Washingtonimprovtheater.com*. (U St.-Cardozo)**

► **2nd: DOG & PONY DC**, *Dogandponydc.com*.

► **3rd: MOLOTOV THEATRE GROUP**, *Molotovtheatre.org*.

VENUE

9:30 Club

In May, 9:30 Club turned 30 and threw a birthday bash for the ages. Dave Grohl, Henry Rollins, Ian MacKaye and Bob Mould were all in attendance to pay tribute to D.C.'s most significant contribution to rock 'n' roll.

SPIN-OFFS: 9:30 launched a record label this year. The first release is from singer-songwriter (and club bartender) Justin Jones. *R.G.*

● **815 V St. NW; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

► **2nd: WOLF TRAP**, 1645 Trap Road, Vienna, Va.; 703-255-1900, *Wolf-trap.org*.

► **3rd: BLACK CAT**, 1811 14th St. NW; 202-667-7960, *Blackcatdc.com*. (U St.-Cardozo)



PLACE TO GO DANCING

U Street Music Hall

1115 U St. NW; 202-588-1880, *Ustreetmusichall.com*. (U St.-Cardozo)

Since opening in March, U Street Music Hall has distinguished itself with dance nights, no doubt in great part due to part-owner Will Eastman, above (along with business partners Jesse Tittsworth and Brian Miller). The local DJ recently celebrated 10 years of his Bliss dance parties, held previously at the Black Cat. Sadly, since the establishment has a no-photography policy, you won't have visual evidence for that amazing move you made up — why was it called "The Stapler"? **DANCE FUEL:** Pho dogs! *R.G.*

► **2nd: CAFE CITRON**, 1343 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-530-8844, *Cafecitrondc.com*. (Dupont Circle)

► **3rd: GLEN ECHO PARK**, 7300 MacArthur Blvd., Glen Echo; 301-634-2222, *Glenechopark.org*.



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styles&stores

CONSIGNMENT STORE
Mint Condition

With labels such as Lanvin and Tahari selling for one-third their retail price, this shop is a haven for pre-loved fanciness. “Consignment doesn’t have the stigma that it used to have,” says owner Toni Henderson. “It’s easy to find something that’s current, and you don’t have to dig through racks of mediocre labels to find the good stuff.”

ALL IN THE FAMILY: Henderson’s mother owns a consignment store in Minneapolis. K.B.

● **114 S. Royal St., Alexandria; 703-836-6468, Shopmintcondition.com.**

● **2nd: CURRENT BOUTIQUE, 2529 Wilson Blvd., Arlington; 703-528-**

GIFT SHOP

Le Village Marché

4150 Campbell Ave. #101,
Arlington; 703-379-4444,
Levillagemarche.com.



In our wildest fantasies, we’re spending a Parisian evening with your standard Jean Philippe as he serenades us with Carla Bruni ditties. Shirlington’s Le Village Marché aims to satisfy any Francophile longings without the trans-Atlantic jet lag. Owner Angela Phelps collects Belle Epoque teacups and aromatic soaps to sell at her boutique. “I love the neighborhood markets in Paris,” she says. “The shop reflects them.”

TRAVEL TIP: Visiting Paris? Phelps recommends shopping (and feasting) along the Boulevard Saint-Germain, where she first fell in love with the City of Lights. K.B.

● **2nd: PULP DC, 1803 14th St. NW; 202-462-7857, Pulp-dc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

● **3rd: LITTLE MONOGRAM SHOP, 106 N. Columbus St., Alexandria; www.thelittlemonogramshop.net.**

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3079, Currentboutique.com. (Court House)

► **3rd: MUSTARD SEED**, 7349 Wisconsin Ave., Bethesda; 301-907-4699, Mustardseedshop.com. (Bethesda)

FLORIST Helen Olivia

Shakespeare thinks we can call a rose a bagel and it would still smell fab. But readers say roses smell sweeter when plucked by florists at Helen Olivia. Floral designer Marianne Raub and partner/husband Craig Noah whip up unusual arrangements, whether they're wreaths of monochromatic hydrangeas or arrangements of imported Dutch tulips.

KEEP IT SIMPLE: Raub's tip for a charming bouquet: "Stick to one type of flower." K.B.

● **Helen Olivia**, 128 N. Pitt St., Alexandria; 703-548-2848, Helenolivia.com.

► **2nd: A LITTLE SHOP OF FLOWERS**, 2421 18th St., NW; 202-387-7255, Alittleshopofflowers-dc.com. (Woodley Park)

► **3rd: COMPANY FLOWERS**, 2107 N. Pollard St., Arlington; 703-525-3062, Companyflowers.com.

LOCAL HOME STORE Red Barn Mercantile

Searching for a new rustic couch plus the perfect vintage sewing spindles to match? Throw in some antique dressers, buffets and armoires, and add a few quirky coffee table books and you have the gist of this cozy furniture and gift shop. Owner Amy Rutherford transcends the usual shabby chic: "I like to say we're a little bit country, a little bit rock 'n' roll."

TRENDSSETTING: The store has one of the area's largest selections of colorful Dash & Albert rugs. R.M.
● **113 S. Columbus St.**, Alexandria; 703-838-0355, Redbarnmercantile.com.

► **2nd: HILL'S KITCHEN**, 713 D St. SE; 202-543-1997, Hillskitchen.com. (Eastern Market)

► **3rd: HOME RULE**, 1807 14th St. NW; 202-797-5544, Homerule.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

LOCAL SHOE STORE The Shoe Hive

Recently relocated to bigger digs next to sister store Hysteria, this Old Town sole searcher walks a fine line between classic (Hunter wellies, Bettye Muller snow leopard-print pumps) and cheeky (Cynthia Vincent cage booties, Sam Edelman's punky pointy-toe flats). Frequent trunk shows and a well-curated stash of accessories such as bright sting-ray leather clutches and ruffled gloves add to the, well, buzz.

BUDGET BUSTER: The shop is one of the few in the area to carry Emma Hope, a fanciful (if fantastically expensive) Brit fave for weddings and formal fetes. J.B.

● **127 South Fairfax**, Alexandria; 703-548-7105, Theshoehive.com.

► **2nd: SHOEFLY**, multiple locations, Shoeflyonline.com.

► **3rd: HU'S SHOES**, 3005 M St. NW; 202-342-0202, Husonline.com.

LOCAL WOMEN'S BOUTIQUE Treat

Think of this Old Town "sample sale boutique" as the anti-Marshalls. The minty-walled Old Town destination traffics in spendy women's clothing and shoe names — Tracy Reese, Hayden-Harnett, 3.1 Phillip Lim — at up to 80 percent off retail.

COMING ATTRACTIONS: An online version of the shop is due to launch later this year; in the meantime, it pays to stop in often for Loeffler Randall booties for less than \$400, designer jeans for \$100 or less, and flirty frocks by Sally Tseng. J.B.

● **114 S. Royal St.**, Alexandria; 703-535-3294, Shoptreat.com.

► **2nd: THE FULL CUP**, 218 N. Lee St., Alexandria; 703-836-9441.

► **3rd: NANA**, 1528 U St. NW; 202-667-6955; Nanadc.wordpress.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

VINTAGE STORE Miss Pixie's

You may not have come into this 14th Street vintage den looking for a bar cart upholstered in studded white vinyl or a table lamp shaped like a geisha, but leaving with something as quirky as these seems likely, thanks to owner Pixie Windsor's eclectic eye and low prices. By raiding estate sales and flea markets up and down the East Coast, she fills her warehouse-y, friendly space with items both workaday (bookcases, end tables) and wild (hot-pink bar stools, funky medical cabinets).

DIG IN: Vintage clothing has recently starting showing up in the mix. J.B.

● **1626 14th St. NW**; 202-232-8171, Misspixies.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

► **2nd: JUNCTION**, 1510 U St. NW; 202-483-0261, Junctionwdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

► **3rd: ANNIE CREAMCHEESE**,

3279 M St. NW; 202-298-5555, Anniecreamcheese.com.

WEDDING BOUTIQUE Hitched Salon

For many brides, the fairy tale begins long before they try on the 867th fantasy gown. Sometimes, it starts in Hitched, where owners Julia Lichtman Kepniss and Carin Rosenberg Levine, best friends since the seventh grade, help customers select bridal gowns, bridesmaids dresses, and all those must-have, perfect-day accessories.

ALWAYS A BRIDESMAID ... The wedding attendants have their own place, too. In June, Kepniss and Levine opened Hitched Maids in the space above their bridal boutique. K.B.

● **1523 Wisconsin Ave. NW**; 202-333-6162, Hitchedsalon.com.

► **2nd: PUNK ROCK BRIDE**, 320 3rd St. NE; 202-506-3126, Punkrockbride.com. (Union Station)

► **3rd: CHEVY CHASE BRIDAL**, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-363-9301, Chevychasebridal.com.

MEN'S HAIRCUT Bang Salon

This demographic is not easy to please. "There's much more detail in cutting short hair, and you see more mistakes," says Nikki Esoldo, co-owner of the three-salon chain, which has a nearly equal male-to-female clientele. The \$35, 30-minute cut is ideal for D.C. dudes.

MOVING ON: Bang beat Justin Bieber to his own haircut. Esoldo says she was doing that look for young customers a couple years ago, but not much anymore. "I don't think D.C. is going there," she says. R.M.

● **Multiple locations**, Bangsalon.com.

► **2nd: GROOMING LOUNGE**, Multiple locations, Groominglounge.com.

► **3rd: NANTUCKET HAIR SALON**, 1431 H St. NW; 202-898-1270, Nantuckethairsalon.com. (McPherson Square)

WOMEN'S HAIRCUT & HIGHLIGHTS/COLOR Anne Welsh Salon

Behind the exterior of this



HARDWARE/DIY

Community Forklift

4671 Tanglewood Drive, Edmonston, Md.; 301-985-5180, Communityforklift.com.

This cavernous warehouse contains piles of surplus and salvaged home materials donated by homeowners and businesses alike. Outreach and education director Ruthie Mundell describes a clientele spanning 20-some-things to "men in work boots looking for a good deal on electrical sockets."

ONLY IN D.C.: Patrons have discovered everything from brooms from the Capitol to 1960s "Mad Men"-era doors and chandeliers from the Watergate penthouse. R.M.

► **2nd: FRAGER'S HARDWARE**, 1115 Pennsylvania Ave. SE; 202-543-6157; Fragersdc.com. (Eastern Market)

► **3rd: HABITAT RE-STORE**, 7770-G Richmond Hwy., Alexandria; 703-360-6700, Habitat.org/restores.

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► 2nd: JUNCTION, 1510 U St. NW; 202-483-0261; Junction
wdc.com. (U St.-Cardozo)

► 3rd: COMMONWEALTH, 1781 Florida Ave. NW; 202-265-1830,
Cmonwealth.com. (Dupont Circle)

meticulously kept 1910-ish home in the Del Rey area of Alexandria works a small force of highly trained, people-friendly stylists. “It’s not just getting color and hair done. It’s building a relationship,” says Tom Welsh, who owns the salon with his wife, Anne. Women can expect to pay \$75 for a haircut; hair color treatments start at \$90.

ENVIABLE COMMUTE: The couple, who launched the business in 1995, live upstairs with their five cats. “It’s kind of the old style,” Tom Welsh says. R.M.

► 2100 Mt. Vernon Ave., Alexandria; 703-683-2400, Annewelshsalon.com.

► 2nd: BANG SALON, multiple locations, Bangsalon.com.

► 3rd: PR AT PARTNERS HAIR SALON, multiple locations, Pr at partners.com.

SPA & MANI/PEDI
SugarHouse Day Spa

A repeat winner for best spa, this Alexandria cloud nine is now a favorite for finger and toe pampering, too. Housed in a late-1700s building that was home to a sugar refinery owner, the calming spot sports mahogany staircases, chandeliers and 14 fireplaces.

CUSTOMER SUPPORT: Our lucky tester says “my nails were so impressive that people made comments” (positive ones) after she got the basic manicure. R.M.

► 111 N. Alfred St., Alexandria; 703-549-9940, Sugarhousedayspa.com.

► 2nd: BLISS SPA, 515 15th St. NW; 877-862 5477, Blissworld.com. (McPherson Square)

► 3rd: MIMOSA SALON AND SPA, 1706 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-232-6900, Mimosadac.com. (Dupont Circle)

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recreation

AMATEUR SPORTS LEAGUE

Happy Hour Kickball

It's not whether you win or lose; it's how fast you get to the bar. Founded in 2007, HHK has 1,600 members and has raised \$8,000 for the Children's Inn through auctions and weekly raffles. Besides game after-parties, players compete in the Beer Ohlympics four times a year. Dodgeball and bowling kick off in January.

RELIGIOUS DEVOTION: "We have our own god," says league founder Chris Bocquet. "His name is Leon and he's kind of crotchety, but he revels in the league's debaucherous behavior." s.k.

● **Happyhourkickball.com.**

► **2nd: DC BOCCE,** Dcbocceleague.com.

► **3rd: NAKID KICKBALL,** Playnakid.com.

BIKE SHOP

Revolution Cycles

Revolution Cycles has catered to local cyclists for years, but it scored bonus points in March when it opened its fifth location, in Crystal City (220 20th St., Arlington; 703-415-4560). That shop, called City Hub, is centered on bike-shares, community outreach and "hub spins," or group rides. "Our sole goal of that store is to get people out on bikes, just having fun," says president and CEO Mike Hamannwright.

PENCIL THIS IN: Make a fashion statement in the Ugly Sweater hub spin on Dec. 11. k.a.

● **Multiple locations,** Revolutioncycles.com.

► **2nd: CITY BIKES,** 2501 Champlain St. NW; 202-265-1564. 8401 Connecticut Ave., Chevy Chase; 301-652-1777, Citybikes.com.

► **3rd: THE BIKE RACK,** 1412 Q St. NW; 202-387-2453, Thebikerackdc.com. (Dupont Circle)

BIKING TRAIL

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TEDDY WOLF



Adrien Cotton

Fitness on the Run, 109 S. Alfred St., Alexandria; 703-299-9333, Fitnessontherun.net.

Words such as "awesome," "fabulous," "professional" and "best" came up a lot in readers' comments about the self-described tomboy trainer and owner of Fitness on the Run. Cotton says clients appreciate her efforts to customize training sessions and classes, but behind her back, the 5-foot-2 powerhouse suspects they say, "She's so little. How could she be so tough?"

NO PAIN, NO GAIN: Her favorite exercise is the pull-up. "You can never get too good at them." Least fave: Handstand push-ups. "Handstands just kill me." s.k.

making it one of the oldest in the area. The Washington Monument and Jefferson Memorial are among the hot sights dotting the path as it hugs the Potomac River from Roosevelt Island to Mount Vernon, winding through Old Town Alexandria and near Arlington National Cemetery.

PEDAL METTLE: The trail is fairly flat, according to the National Park Service, so all fitness levels can take a spin. s.k.

● **Nps.gov/gwmp/mtvernontrail.htm.**

► **2nd: ROCK CREEK TRAIL,** Nps.gov/rocr.

► **3rd: CAPITAL CRESCENT TRAIL,** Cctrail.org.

BOUTIQUE GYM

Fitness on the Run

Working out here is like exercising at home — if you have seven personal trainers and kettlebell classes in your house. Only four of the gym's 130 clients can train at a time. "We accommodate a clientele that wants a private setting,"

owner Adrien Cotton says.

NEW NOW: The gym uses what Cotton calls the "fabulously challenging" TRX suspension system, involving two straps that hang off the ceiling. "You can do pretty much any exercise while holding onto straps with your hands or feet," she says. s.k.

● **109 S. Alfred St., Alexandria; 703-299-9333, Fitnessontherun.net.**

► **2nd: MINT,** 1724 California St., NW; 202-328-6468, Mintdc.com. (Dupont Circle)

► **3rd: CITY FITNESS,** 3525 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-537-0539, Cityfitnessgym.com. (Cleveland Park)

BOWLING

Lucky Strike

Even the bowling shoes are stylin' at these 14 lanes. They have to be: There's a dress code: No plain white T's or excessively baggy clothes, for instance. Which makes sense, considering celebs such as John Legend and Clinton Portis show up to play. Besides the eye candy, 10 projection screens and hopping beats could land your concentration in the gutter.

ALLEY GALLEY: Sip martinis and munch turkey Brie with apple butter on a ciabatta roll, tuna lollipops and cookie shooters (warm chocolate-chip cookies with shots of milk). s.k.

● **701 7th St. NW; 202-347-1021, Bowlluckystrike.com. (Gallery Place)**

► **2nd: STRIKE BETHESDA,** 5353 Westbard Ave., Bethesda; 301-652-0955, Bowlmor.com. (Bethesda)

► **3rd: WHITE OAK LANES,** 11207 New Hampshire Ave., Silver Spring; 301-593-3000, Whiteoaklanes.com.

GOLF

East Potomac Golf Course

As if hills and sand pits weren't challenging enough, players on the three courses here also face the distraction of scenery such as the Jefferson Memorial, Washington Monument and Reagan National Airport. As one voter put it, "Where else can you aim for a landing plane on the driving range?"

HISTORY LESSON: The Mini Golf Course at East Potomac is listed on the National Register of Historic Places as the country's oldest continuously operating putt-putt course. It opened in 1931. s.k.

● **972 Ohio Drive SW; 202-479-2596, Golfcdc.com.**

► **2nd: CONGRESSIONAL GOLF COURSE,** 8500 River Road, Bethesda; 301-469-2000, Ccclub.org.

► **3rd: BELLE HAVEN GOLF COURSE,** 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria; 703-329-1448, Bellehavencc.com.



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RUNNING STORE

Pacers Running Stores

Multiple locations, Runpacers.com.

With six locations, including its newest outpost in Logan Circle (1427 P St. NW; 202-506-2029), Pacers outfits countless runners across the region with custom-fit sneaks and technical gear. Its network of community road races continues to grow, with about 18 to 20 Pacers-organized events this year. "I think we do a really good job of building a community of runners," says marketing director Kathy Dalby. "We're not just selling them shoes; we want to get them fit."

BUDDY SYSTEM: Thanks to the stores' free community fun runs, "you can run with us 21 times a week," Dalby says. *K.A.*

► **2nd:** POTOMAC RIVER RUNNING, multiple locations, Potomacriverrunning.com.

► **3rd:** CITY SPORTS, multiple locations, Citysports.com.

HEALTH CLUB: TIE Gold's Gym

Pumping iron is how Gold's got its start, but the largest co-ed gym chain in the world now offers something for every exerciser, including a group class schedule that's extra-heavy on cycling options. Several spots also have a "Cardio Cinema" room, where you can watch a flick from a treadmill or elliptical machine.

APP-EALING: Download the Gold's iPhone app to find the nearest location (there are 38 within 50 miles of D.C.), see class schedules and track your progress. *V.H.*

► **Multiple locations, Goldsgym.com.**

HEALTH CLUB: TIE Washington Sports Clubs

Pools, Pilates and personal training

on demand are available at most of the 18 local locations of this gym, including Capitol Hill, which can say it knew Obama when. Crunched for time? Take the XpressLine, a trainer-supervised free service that ensures a full-body strength workout in 22 minutes.

SWEAT BUCKETS: The Dupont Circle location has a co-ed hamam spa, a Turkish-style steam bath. *S.K.*

► **Multiple locations, Mysportsclubs.com.**

► **3rd:** RESULTS, multiple locations, Resultsthegym.com.

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with grilled foods, mixed drinks and live DJs. The diversity of the crowds makes the Memorial Day-to-Labor Day events special, says general manager Jeff Ragonese: "Every walk of life is here — people from ages 21 to 61."

A DIFFERENT VIBE: The atmosphere on the 18,000-square-foot pool deck changes during the weekdays, when it's populated by business travelers and families. K.A.

• **101 St SW; 202-488-7500, Capitolskyline.com.** (Navy Yard)

► **2nd: BANNEKER**, 2500 Georgia Ave. NW; 202-673-2121.

► **3rd: WILSON AQUATIC CENTER**, 4551 Fort Drive NW; 202-730-0583, Wilsonpooldc.org. (Tenleytown)

RACE Marine Corps Marathon

With 30,000 participants, tourist-friendly surroundings and a relatively flat 26.2-mile course, the "People's Marathon" draws athletes of all levels. About 2,400 Marines and 700 Navy medical personnel work the course, making the event a patriotic experience, says public relations coordinator Tami Faram. Runners take off from Route 110, between the Pentagon and Arlington Cemetery. "You're really starting between those who served in the past and those who serve today," Faram says. "It always gives people pause."

ON THE SIDELINES: RaceMate, a \$1.99 iPhone/Android app, lets spectators track their loved ones. K.A.

• **Oct. 31; Marinemarathon.com.**

► **2nd: CHERRY BLOSSOM TEN MILE RUN**, Cherryblossom.org.

► **3rd: CRYSTAL CITY TWILIGHTER 5K**, Crystalcitytwilighter.com.

SKI Snowshoe Mountain

With an average of 180 inches of powder a year and 60 slopes and trails, Snowshoe offers more than skiing and, well, snowshoeing. Visitors can snowboard, snowmobile or slide down a six-story tubing hill. For the elements-averse, there's an indoor adventure center with a rock wall and arcade.

SUMMER LOVIN': When temperatures rise, the mountain opens to off-roading; cross-country and

downhill mountain biking; hiking and fly fishing trips. S.K.

• **10 Snowshoe Drive, Snowshoe, W.Va.; 877-441-4386, Snowshoemtn.com.**

► **2nd: MASSANUTTEN RESORT**, 4620 Massanutten Drive, Massanutten; 800-207-6277, Massaresort.com.

► **3rd: WINTERGREEN RESORT**, Route 664, Wintergreen, Va.; 800-266-2444, Wintergreenresort.com.

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COACH Bruce Boudreau

His irreverent humor and fiery personality have made Bruce Boudreau D.C.'s most likeable head coach. Winning 62 percent of the games he's coached ranks him as its most successful. But while "Gabby" has transformed the once-lowly Capitals into winners, he's yet to deliver in the playoffs. Bringing home a Stanley Cup would cement his status as one of Washington's all-time greats.

HALF-ACTOR: In addition to his unintentionally funny commercials, Boudreau had a small part in the classic 1977 Paul Newman film "Slap Shot." R.G.

► **2nd: KARL HOBBS**, GWU men's basketball

► **3rd: MIKE SHANAHAN**, Redskins

COLLEGE TEAM George Washington University Colonials

Sure, the George Washington men's basketball team didn't make the NCAA tournament last March, while Maryland and Georgetown both did, but the Colonials are D.C.'s fan favorite. This year, the men's and women's hoops teams will try to regain their old form at the newly renovated Smith Center.

FIGHT SONG: In 1924, student Eugene Sweeney wrote "Hail to the Buff and Blue" as a fight song for the football team. The program was cut in 1966, but the tune lives on as the "GW Fight Song." R.G.

► **2nd: UNIVERSITY OF MARYLAND TERRAPINS**

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► **3rd:** VIRGINIA TECH HOKIES**D.C. TEAM**
Capitals

This year, the Capitals' home games begin with a video stating that Washington is "Building America's hockey capital." It's a bold statement, but owner Ted Leonsis has backed it up with a team that sells out nearly every home game, has its two best players locked in to long-term contracts and has its sights set squarely on the Stanley Cup.

PRIME-TIME: HBO is filming a four-part series, "24/7 Penguins/Capitals Road to the Winter Classic," documenting the two teams as they prepare to face off in the annual outdoor game on Jan. 1. **R.G.**

► **2nd:** NATIONALS► **3rd:** REDSKINS**LOCAL ATHLETE**
Alex Ovechkin

Even though Capitals winger Alex Ovechkin had disappointing finishes in the Olympics and NHL playoffs last year, statistically, he put together one of his best seasons. Most impressive: Shortly after the Caps made him the team captain, the team went on a franchise record 14-game winning streak.

COMMERCIAL APPEAL: Ovechkin shows off his comedic side in a series of commercials for CCM that feature the Russian as a disembodied head with a maniacal edge. **R.G.**

► **2nd:** STEPHEN STRASBURG► **3rd:** RYAN ZIMMERMAN

YOGA STUDIO

Flow Yoga

1450 P St. NW; 202-462-3569, Flowyogacenter.com. (Dupont Circle)

About 900 people pass through Flow's doors weekly to take classes in Pilates, Afro-Brazilian dance and six styles of yoga, two of which — Jivamukti and Prana Flow — the studio helped introduce to D.C., says owner Debra Perlson-Mishalove. What started as one room in 2005 has become a two-story studio with 85 classes per week and 20 instructors, plus workshops and guest yogis such as Shiva Rea.

GREEN GODDESS: Last year, Flow received the Mayor's Award of Environmental Excellence for its use of cork and bamboo floors and recycled everything. **s.k.**

► **2nd:** WILLOW STREET YOGA CENTER, 6390 Carroll Ave., Takoma Park, and 8561 Fenton St., Silver Spring; 301-270-8038, Willowstreetyoga.com.
► **3rd:** UNITY WOODS, multiple locations, Unitywoods.com.

OFF-SEASON ACQUISITION
Stephen Strasburg

Hope sprang eternal when pitching phenom Stephen Strasburg made his major league debut at a sold-out Nationals Park in June. With a team-record 14 strikeouts, the young gun surpassed the hype and continued to do so until an elbow injury shut down his inaugural campaign in August.

LONG ROAD AHEAD: Strasburg underwent Tommy John surgery to repair his elbow and will likely miss the entire 2011 season. **R.G.**

► **2nd:** DONOVAN MCNABB► **3rd:** JOHN WALL**STADIUM FOOD**
Ben's Chili Bowl At Nationals Park

With Five Guys and Hard Times also on the premises, Nationals Park has some stellar stadium food. But one vendor towers above the rest: Ben's Chili Bowl. While the appeal and price at the ballpark don't match the U Street landmark, the quality does the original justice. It's easy to see why Ben's chili half-smoke is now top dog at Nats games.

NO ESCAPE: There are at least 10 stands that serve Ben's at the park. **R.G.**

► **2nd:** FIVE GUYS AT NATIONALS PARK► **3rd:** SENATORS SAUSAGE AT NATIONALS PARK

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BEACH Rehoboth, Del.

About three hours away from D.C. lies Rehoboth, Del., a gay-friendly destination that hosts the Delaware Pride Festival every September. For kids, amusement parks abound, as well as Tanger Outlets for those willing to brave crowds of determined bargain hunters. This summer, the DC2NY bus service launched a D.C.-to-Rehoboth route.

FREEZE-FOR-ALL: Why wait until summer to take a dip in the Atlantic? The Lewes Polar Bear Plunge takes place every February. **R.M.M.**
► **2nd:** VIRGINIA BEACH
► **3rd:** OCEAN CITY, MD.

EMBASSY

Sweden

2900 K St. NW; 202-536-1500, Houseofsweden.com. (Foggy Bottom)

The House of Sweden reinforces a whole lot of stereotypes everyone already has about our tall Viking-descended friends. It's a huge glass-fronted vision of Swedish modern architecture that looks like a really, really, really expensive Ikea showroom. As far as we can ascertain, they do not serve meatballs. They do, on occasion, serve up absolutely insane parties, which you should attend at the earliest opportunity.

BUST A RHYME: We must allay the misconception that everyone who walks in here gets a Nobel Prize. **F.Z.**

► **2nd:** BRAZIL, 3006 Massachusetts Ave. NW; 202-238-2805; Brasilemb.org.
► **3rd:** FRANCE, 104101 Reservoir Road NW; 202-944-6000, Ambafrance-us.com.



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● 877-265-8287, Boltbus.com.
► **2nd:** MEGABUS, Us.megabus.com.
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PLACE TO PROPOSE

Tidal Basin

Few landmarks possess as much natural beauty and easy accessibility (it's free and open 24 hours!) as the Tidal Basin. That's why Chris Tate, 29, popped the question there to his now-wife, Lauren, in March 2008, during the Cherry Blossom Festival. (Pictured is their reenactment for Express.) "It already feels like a fairy tale anyway, and with Chris proposing, it was perfect," says Lauren, 25. After she accepted, about 100 bystanders burst into applause. "It definitely wasn't a private moment at all," Lauren says.

ANOTHER PRO: Family members could easily hide nearby to celebrate after. K.A.

► **2nd:** UNITED STATES BOTANIC GARDEN, 100 Maryland Ave. SW; 202-225-8333, usbg.gov.

► **3rd:** NATIONAL GALLERY OF ART SCULPTURE GARDEN, 700 Constitution Ave. NW; 202-289-3360, nga.gov. (Archives)

DAY TRIP
Annapolis

How to blend in with the natives: 1) Wear dock loafers, an embroidered belt and a tucked-in polo shirt. 2) Arm yourself with a wooden mallet and hack crabs by the bushel at Cantlers. 3) Attend the U.S. Sailboat Show (held every year in October) and say nautical things such as "nice reversible winch."

AFTER THE BOAT SHOW: Head to the outdoor bar at Pussers and count how many inebriated boat show patrons accidentally stumble into the bay. R.M.M.

► **2nd:** SHENANDOAH NATIONAL PARK, VA.

► **3rd:** HARPERS FERRY, W.VA.

METRO STATION
Dupont Circle

Our favorite thing here is the excerpt from Walt Whitman's "The Wound-Dresser" chiseled into the north entrance. Our voters had equally profound observations, leaving comments such as "Ladies!" "Least scary of the ones listed," "Krispy Kreme" and "Because the elevators are always broken and they don't care!" Actu-

ally, that last person might have been confused about what the comments field was for.

WHAT LIES BENEATH: The ill-fated Dupont Down Under — a food court in a former subterranean trolley station — came and went in 1995. Now the Arts Coalition for Dupont Underground wants to revive the space, assuming there are no Morlocks in it. See Dupontunderground.org for details. F.Z.

► **2nd:** GALLERY PLACE

► **3rd:** UNION STATION

MONUMENT
Lincoln Memorial

*Our greatest president sits here,
A man of thought and rhetoric
The country still is in his thrall,
So sit and look and act sincere.
When staring gives your neck
a crick,*

Go find the typo on the wall.

MORE POETRY: We said it last year, and we'll say it again: The phone-in Ranger Talks, including a reading of the Gettysburg Address by a fellow who may or may not be Santa, are a must-dial (202-747-3420). F.Z.

► **2nd:** JEFFERSON MEMORIAL

► **3rd:** FDR MEMORIAL

PLACE TO SEE
FAMOUS PEOPLE
W Hotel

We have never personally seen any celebrities at the W, but if we were famous and could afford multiple \$15 drinks on a regular basis, we would come here all the time and stare out at the best view of Washington there is. We'd throw \$50 bills off the balcony and watch them drift all the way down to the peasants below.

SIGHTINGS: According to Politico, Lady Gaga was here. But that's Politico, so it's possible it was actually Woody Allen. F.Z.

► **515 15th St. NW; 202-661-2400, Starwoodhotels.com/whotels. (Metro Center)**

► **2nd:** REAGAN NATIONAL AIRPORT

► **3rd:** CAFÉ MILANO, 3251 Prospect St. NW; 202-333-6183, Cafemilano.net.

REASON TO GO BEYOND
THE BELTWAY
Great Falls Park

About half a million people flock to see this splashy spectacle each year, which provides a lovely back-

drop for hikes, bikes, picnics and, of course, photo ops. But Park Ranger Cheryl Bresee says most folks don't take full advantage of the 15 miles of trails. Visitors can learn more about the natural wonder and its history by taking part in the frequent ranger programs.

WATER WORKS: Thanks to George Washington, the park was the site of one of the first canals in the country. The ruins are still preserved. V.H.

► **9200 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, Va., Nps.gov/grfa.**

► **2nd:** TO EAT CRABS

► **3rd:** VIRGINIA WINERIES

UNDERRATED TOURIST
ATTRACTION
Library of Congress

"Is it bad that I'm just here to read a magazine?" asks the shy, bespectacled man in the elevator. We shake our head and conspiratorially show him the free daily paper we've brought to peruse. The main reading room is silent and gilded, full of busy people doing what we're sure is very important scholarly work. If anyone questions us, we'll tell them we're researching

the demise of print media.

BEATS STARBUCKS: There's FREE WI-FI. F.Z.

► **101 Independence Ave. SE; 202-707-5000, Loc.gov. (Capitol South)**

► **2nd:** U.S. NATIONAL ARBORETUM, 3501 New York Ave. NE; 202-245-2726; Usna.usda.gov.

► **3rd:** THEODORE ROOSEVELT ISLAND, Nps.gov/this.

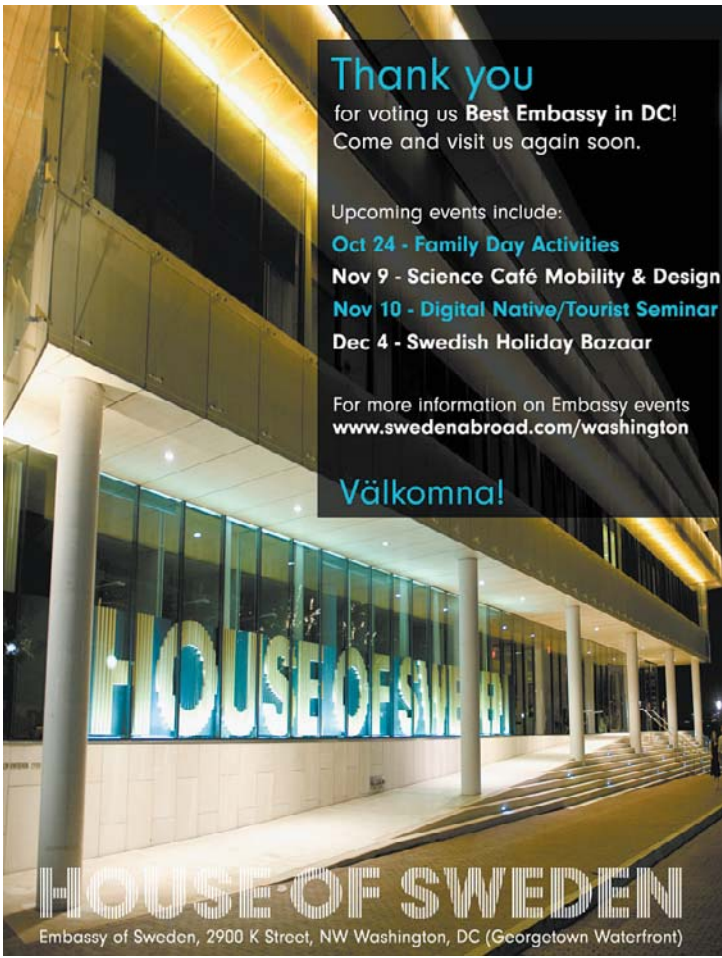
BLOG (FOOD)
Metrocurean

This was the year that "Top Chef" discovered the D.C. dining scene. But Metrocurean.com was here first. The food blog has been the city's source for hot restaurant reviews and mouth-watering recipes since 2005. In 2010, creator Amanda McClements "took the training wheels off," creating a full-featured website.

HOPE FOR US ALL: She admits that when her boyfriend (now-husband) first suggested she start Metrocurean, "I didn't know what a blog was." B.M.

► **2nd:** DINING IN DC, Diningindc.net.

► **3rd:** CHERRY TEA CAKES, Cherryteacakes.com.



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BLOG (NON-FOOD)
DCist

The Washington version of New York’s Gothamist proves that D.C. is not just Manhattan for nerds or Los Angeles for ugly people. Where else can you find comprehensive coverage of both Vincent Gray’s town halls and the Air Sex Championships?

WHY IT WORKS: Editor Aaron Morrissey says he focuses on “the D.C. that’s not what people in the rest of the country talk about” — i.e., the awesome parts. **B.M.**

► **2nd:** 2BIRDS1BLOG, 2birds1blog.com.

► **3rd:** PRINCE OF PETWORTH, Princeofpetworth.com.

CHEF
José Andrés

Whether you’re watching him on PBS’ “Made in Spain” or at a farmers market paella demo, it’s impossible to miss José Andrés’ passion for food. The chef behind Jaleo,

Café Atlantico, Oyamel, Zaytinya and minibar by José Andrés attributes his success to hard work. “You have to follow your own vision and hope that others like the work you do,” he explained in an e-mail.

PRO’S PICKS: Among Andrés’ favorite dining spots are Komi and Rocklands Barbecue. He’s also psyched about the proliferation of food trucks: “It is a way for talented people with a little money to chase their dream.” **K.A.**

NEWS ANCHOR
Jim Vance

When D.C. comes home from work, kicks back on the couch and pours itself a glass of wine, there’s only one man it wants to hear from. That man is nightly news anchor Jim Vance. You can catch Vance’s grandfatherly specs, soothingly down-to-earth reads and occasionally even his hilarious mis-readings of the prompter on NBC4

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HE’S GOT TENURE: Vance has been anchoring for NBC4 since 1969. For real. **B.M.**

POLITICIAN
Adrian Fenty

Fenty won! Oh, not the election. The attractively chrome-domed young mayor who brought us bike lanes and Michelle Rhee may have been No. 2 to Vincent Gray in the primary, but he’s still No. 1 in the hearts of Express readers.

AWWW: Charming, Fenty seemed honored to be dubbed Best

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There's so much to rave about here that we had to seek some outside perspective — Express distributor Horace Dismuke. He reserves his highest praise for the commuters he greets each morning outside the U St.-Cardozo Metro station: "There are a lot of caring people who talk to you and take the time to say thank you," says Dismuke, 62. "A lot of people introduced themselves to me when I first got there. It's just a nice atmosphere."

CAFFEINE CHOICE: Dismuke keeps it simple and picks up his morning brew at 7-Eleven. **K.A.**

► **2nd:** CLARENDON

► **3rd:** CAPITOL HILL

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Politician. "We have made great progress," he said via e-mail. "I look forward to the continued progress of our great city." **B.M.**

REALITY STAR**Spike Mendelsohn**

It's been more than two years since he was a contestant on "Top Chef," but Mendelsohn has kept his hold on Washingtonians' hearts (and stomachs). After the success of Capitol Hill burger joint Good Stuff Eatery, the chef opened We, the Pizza next door in July. "Soon, we're going to name the street after us," Mendelsohn joked with CBS' Kaylee Hartung. Wonder how many people would actually oppose.

SECOND CHANCES: Mendelsohn, who's frequently seen wearing stylish hats, will take another shot at a "Top Chef" title when he competes in Bravo's new season of "Top Chef: All Stars," beginning Dec. 1. **K.A.**



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Andrew Jenks

DOCUMENTARY DUDE, WOULD-BE ACTOR

He's slept on the streets of San Francisco, taken jabs from an ultimate fighter and participated in an animal rescue mission. Clearly, New Yorker Andrew Jenks isn't your typical 24-year-old. Each week, Jenks peels back the layers of strangers' lives in his MTV documentary series, "The World of Jenks" (Mon., 10 p.m.) by tagging along with them during their day-to-day lives. This time around, however, we turned the focus to Jenks.

When did you first get interested in exploring other people's everyday lives?

As a kid, I traveled around a lot — my dad works for the United Nations — so I lived in Nepal and Belgium. I was exposed to different cultures, and saw different customs and the way people do things and

that they were far different from what my family did. I was interested in how other people lived. That's how it all started.

You've trailed people from poker players to ultimate fighters. Is there something you take from each experience?

That's the essence of each episode — to get behind the stereotype. One thing that I've been surprised by which has been consistent in all of my experiences is the role that parents have played in each of the subjects' lives, and how it's defined them for better or worse. Everything goes back to parents. Everyone from the girl that was homeless, to the cage fighter, to the poker player — a lot of what they do and who they are is rooted in what their parents stand for.

How do you select people to document?

Heavy D, the homeless girl, would probably be the best example. There are 16,000 homeless in New York, and we couldn't find one single person that would want to be on camera that was really able to be objective and tell their stories. We sent our research team out to San

"I want to make fictional movies. I have a script written, and it would be me in it... like Woody Allen."

Francisco with a Flip camera and they went around and filmed — on Haight-Ashbury — as many people as would be willing to be filmed. Most kids didn't want to be.

Is it odd being on MTV, the same channel that airs "Jersey Shore"?

"Jersey Shore" is one subculture. We show a lot of different young subcultures. A lot of people who are going through hardships in their lives but have the ability to overcome those. That's what a lot of young people can relate to — their struggles, whether they have financial struggles, parental struggles or struggles getting a job or with friends or with death.

Looking to the future, what would you like to accomplish?

I want to make fictional movies. I like to write and direct. I have a bunch of scripts.

Who would play you in a movie?

Not to sound self-serving, but I have a script written, and it would be me in it. Sort of like what Woody Allen does. I'm a bit of a control freak.

KRIS CORONADO

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On the third of the hands, "Oww-www! I have fallen and broken my leg, and worse, the heel has broken off of my fancy shoe!"

On the fourth of the hands, "These orthopedic shoes, which look like they were made by the medieval goat-herds, are remarkably comfortable on my feet."

On the fifth of the hands, "That cute boy in accounting just said I reminded him of his Auntie Muriel."

On the sixth of the hands, "Sigh, perhaps I should get some nude knee stockings to wear with my new tweed, knee-length skirt and twin set."

Look, here is the Cole Haan Air Clair Short Boot (\$198, Zappos.com), the comfortable shoe in the black leather that would look good on the way to, and in, the office.



Ask the Manolo a question at manolo@shoeblogs.com. Visit the Manolo at shoeblogs.com.

La Vie in Six Shades

FRANCE IS HAVING A MELTDOWN (again). We don't mean to pour salt in century-old wounds, but, really: "Let them buy Guerlain!" Desperate times call for splurging pleasures, and like Jean Valjean, we can subsist on bread and water if it means gracing our eyes with Guerlain's Écrin 6 Colour Eyeshadow (\$84, Neimanmarcus.com). The moonstone extracts, the engraved compact that looks like a relic from Coco's boudoir. Oh! Vive le France! We can't wait to put it on when the electricity returns.

4 Skull Drudge

UNLESS you serve just candy corn and Snickers at your Halloween party, there will be lots of clean-up after all the treat-eating and drinking. A skull crusher dish brush (\$7, Sur La Table, 5211 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-237-0375; Surlatable.com) makes the job both easier and creepier. And if neighborhood tweens — enraged by your healthy granola bar handouts — egg your Prius, you'll have something seasonally appropriate to defend yourself with.

**5 Topped Offerings**

THERE'S NOTHING TASTIER than topping off a big scoop of vanilla ice cream with chocolate chips and whipped cream. Or so we thought. Enter Tribe Origins (\$4, Magruder's, 5626 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-686-5271), a new hummus line that caps its tangy chickpea mash-ups with big dollops of mixers such as tomatoes, veggies or spicy red pepper. The result: a chunkier, zestier

dip than the usual Safeway cement paste.

**Grab Bag****3 E=MyCloset2**

SOME INVENTIONS ARE BORN from sheer boredom (Shake Weights, shoes that light up, Snuggles for dogs). Others spring out of necessity or something like it. In the case of Iglu's Hand-bag and Shoe Modular System (\$40, Rakkudesigns.com), dire need moved society forward. Innovation progresses, thanks to a closet organizer that expands and contracts with your penchant for hobos or heels. The best part: It can hang or sit on a shelf, adjusting to your splurges.

A Real Tough Chic

EGYPTIAN QUEENS. Bodacious Viking warrior princess. Kathryn Bentley's rugged-yet-ravishing new Dream Collective line of brass jewelry, new at Beklina.com, recalls glamazons of yore with tribal-looking shapes, oxidized finishes and nature-inspired textures (seed-like bumps, lizard-esque zigzags). Statement stuff ranges from dramatic necklaces (shown, \$260) to goddess-worthy disc earrings (\$40).

FALL BOOT GUIDE

SOCIAL CLIMBERS



BOOT JUNKIES may get whiplash this fall. The sheer range of styles (Peep-toe booties! Thigh-highs! Fur-trimmed heels!) could power more costume changes than an average “Glee” episode. Could the stomper stampede be a sign of financial recovery? Maybe. “When the economy tanked, people wore what they had,” says Sassy Jacobs of Sassanova (1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400). “But people are buying again, and anything goes right now.” KATHERINE BOYLE (EXPRESS)



On the Cover

BUCKLE UP: Stretch suede Cole Haan Air Avalon Boots adjust to calves from thin to marathon-runner muscle-y. (\$348, Nordstrom, 1400 S. Hayes St., Arlington; 703-415-1121; Nordstrom.com.)

“When the economy tanked, people wore what they had. But people are buying again, and **anything goes right now.**”

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- 1 It's Not About the Bike** Alexander McQueen's booties zip up like a biker jacket, but we'd shudder to see them on a Harley. (\$1,285, Hu's Shoes, 3005 M St. NW; 202-342-0202, Hussshoes.com) **2 Leather and Laces** Kelsi Dagger's prairie-inspired heels make granny-chic cool again. (\$140, The Shoe Hive, 127 S. Fairfax, Alexandria; 703-548-7105, Theshoehive.com) **3 Olive Twist** Eric Michael's ankle boots look like something a hip elf might sport. (\$160, Shoefly, 2727 Wilson Blvd.; 703-243-6490) **4 Blue Suede Muse** Try BC Footwear's teal booties with miniskirts or jeans. (\$95, Shoefly) **5 Un-fur-gettable** Shhhh! You're wearing wabbits! Stuart Weitzman's mid-calf fur cuffs add glam. (\$475, Neiman Marcus, 5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-966-9700) **6 Redskins Fan?** Paint the town, er, burgundy in game-stopping boots by Blowfish. (\$68, Shoefly) **7 What a Stud** Adorned with brass accents, Bernardo's chocolate mid-boots walk a line between cowgirl cool and pirate wench. (\$239, Sassanova, 1641 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-471-4400) **8 Brown Out** Steve Madden's wedges evoke 1970s starlets like Faye Dunaway. (\$130, Nordstrom) **9 Base Camp** For woodsy strolls with your honey — or farmers market jaunts — go a little bit country in UGG Belcloud boots (\$225, UGGs, 1249 Wisconsin Ave. NW; 202-640-1208; Uggaustralia.com) **10 A Clog in the System** Wooden soles and stud details rock out on Cynthia Vincent's boots. (\$375, Sassanova) **11 Little Black Success** Kate Spade reinvents the classic knee-high heel with red leather lining and gold hardware. (\$475, Sassanova) **12 Taking the High Toed** Soaring suede over-the-knees like these Restricted "Black Sirens" strike a rockin' chord when paired with skinny jeans or a little black dress. (\$110, South Moon Under, 2700 Clarendon Blvd, Arlington; 703-807-4083; Southmoonunder.com)

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The Fear Factor

The first movie I ever saw in a theater terrified me. You wouldn't think that "The Muppet Movie" would scar a kid like that, but the bad guy wanted to EAT Kermit! And Animal got really big at the end. And I believed it was all real.

That intensity of belief is a big reason I don't like horror movies and

will avoid them at all costs, which is why I won't be seeing "Paranormal Activity 2," above, which comes out today (it helped that the press screening was after my deadline for this

column — so I had a good excuse). But you can be sure that I'll know what happens, because I am addicted to TheMovieSpoiler.com.

It's funny, because I hate TV spoilers. I have de-friended people on Facebook who talked a little too much about "Mad Men." But the poorly designed, inconsistently-written website is a gift for people like me. "People like me" meaning moviegoers who can't handle scary movies but totally need to know whether the guy in "Buried" makes it out alive or what the deal is with "Devil." Beyond that, I love it for movies I know I won't see but that will have a twist everyone talks about. I may hate being scared, but I hate not knowing what's going on even more.

So, no, I won't see "Paranormal Activity 2." But I'll know what happens, and I'll be able to compare it to the first one. The ending of which, I have to say, I found a little unsatisfying.



Comments? Give Kristen your feedback: expressnightout.com/thereelist



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Bryce Dallas Howard, left, and Matt Damon choose to ponder life's big questions, rather than the typical "Will we, or won't we?"

Afterlife Lessons

Matt Damon speaks to the deceased in the intriguing but fatally flawed 'Hereafter'

Film Review

For much of its two-hour-plus length, "Hereafter" plays like a smart and stylish thriller. Smart because of the way it resists a full-on embrace of its central premise: the existence of an afterlife for the human soul. Stylish because of its cool and bloodless demeanor. The world it depicts — our world, the world of the here and now — is bathed in a deathlike pallor of icy

Close Calls

Been There, Done That

"Hereafter" director Clint Eastwood has actually had his own near-death experiences: once as a child when he was caught in an ocean current, and another time as a young man, when a plane in which he was a passenger had to make a water landing off California. "I kept thinking, 'Should I be thinking about something?'" he recalls. "Then I saw some lights in the far distance and I thought, 'Someone is in there having a beer next to a fireplace, and I just want to be there.' ... I don't think you get a chance to think that much. When you do, you're usually going to be OK." (ENTERTAINMENT NEWS WIRE)



blues and grays, whether set in San Francisco, London or Paris.

It's a thriller because of the pervasive tone of dread and sadness.

For its three main characters, the world is deeply haunted indeed.

At the center of the mostly mesmerizing but finally flawed film is

George Lonegan (Matt Damon). George is a former professional psychic who has shut down his lucrative Bay Area practice to work as a menial laborer. It seems that his ability to talk to the dead through readings is less the gift one might think than a curse.

All George has to do is to touch someone's hand and he's plugged into a parallel universe — a uni-

Hereafter (PG-13)

► **Director:** Clint Eastwood

► **Stars:** Matt Damon, Bryce Dallas Howard, Frankie McLaren and Cecile de France

► **In a Nutshell:** Three people who are touched by death in different ways search for meaning in their beliefs in the afterlife.

verse of actual ghosts and the ghosts of repressed trauma. Needless to say, this makes it hard for George to maintain relationships. The first time he takes a woman's hand, as he does on an abortive first date with a flirtatious cutie from cooking class (Bryce Dallas Howard), he immediately knows everything about her.

But Eastwood's film isn't just about George's romantic problems. Woven into that narrative are two even more compelling story lines: that of French TV anchor Marie LeLay (Cecile de France) who almost drowns, during what we're led to believe is the 2004 Indian Ocean tsunami; and a taciturn schoolboy named Marcus (Frankie McLaren) who is traumatized when his identical twin is accidentally killed.

By refusing to make outlandish claims about a world beyond this one, "Hereafter" avoids the pitfalls of other supernatural thrillers. But it's unable to avoid the even soggier conventions of the movie romance.

It starts out with a tsunami — and ends up in a puddle. **MICHAEL O'SULLIVAN (THE WASHINGTON POST)**

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True-Life Tale of ‘Conviction’

Hilary Swank plays a woman determined to prove her brother is innocent of murder

Film Review

Like many movies, “Conviction” has a hero. Someone who goes up against the bad guys, the system, the Man — whatever — and, against all odds, takes a shot. That someone is Hilary Swank.

Like far fewer movies, “Conviction” also has someone you can’t take your eyes off. Someone whose outsize energy and combustible mix of rage, joy, despair and hope is so volatile that the screen seems a little bit brighter, the scene a little less predictable, whenever that character is around. That someone is not Hilary Swank.

Swank plays the dutiful hero,



Hilary Swank and Sam Rockwell play siblings in the based-on-real-life “Conviction.”

Betty Anne Waters, in this solid but less-than-sublime courtroom drama, inspired by the true story of a working-class woman who put herself through law school — and 18 years of mounting frustration

— in an effort to clear the name of her brother Kenny (Sam Rockwell), who in 1983 was convicted of murder.

Betty Anne’s brother is the more interesting of the two characters, by

Pigeonholing

Drama Queen

After her roles playing tough, resilient characters in “Boys Don’t Cry” and “Million Dollar Baby,” Hilary Swank told the Los Angeles Times she’s become known as a certain type of actor: “Dramatic, yeah. That’s how people probably think of me. The hardest thing for an actor is to break out of what they do. I want to do it all — but at the core of my passion is drama.”

(EXPRESS)

Conviction (R)

- **Director:** Tony Goldwyn
- **Stars:** Hilary Swank, Sam Rockwell, Juliette Lewis
- **In a Nutshell:** A woman puts herself through law school to clear her brother’s name of murder.

far. At best, he’s a charming rogue; at worst, a depraved killer.

But it’s Rockwell’s performance — swaggering, overgrown kid one minute, suicidal loser the next — that brings him to poignant, contradictory life. Whether he’s innocent or guilty doesn’t matter so much (and the film makes only a half-hearted attempt at stirring up ambiguity anyway). We want to watch him, not because we believe in his innocence necessarily, but because we believe he’s flesh and blood. **MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN** (THE WASHINGTON POST)



TV Beat

Remember Him?

Conan O’Brien is welcoming a roster of big names his first week back on the air. His late-night run on TBS hosting “Conan” will kick off with Seth Rogen and musician Jack White on Nov. 8, the network has announced. Tuesday’s show will include guests Tom Hanks, “30 Rock” regular Jack McBrayer and Soundgarden. “Mad Men” star Jon Hamm stops by on Wednesday; and Thursday, Conan will greet Michael Cera and Julie Bowen. His very first guest might be decided by an online poll, which offers unlikely choices such as Pope Benedict XVI. (AP)

Pretentiousness Is in the Air

Dark humor abounds in the one-of-a-kind flick ‘Tamara Drewe’

Film Review

“Tamara Drewe” is one in a million. Try to think of another movie to compare it to, and you’ll probably come up blank. And that’s including any of the various filmed versions of Thomas Hardy’s “Far From the Madding Crowd,” the 1874 novel that served as the loose inspiration for the 2007 graphic novel by Posy Simmonds on which “Tamara Drewe” is based.

Are you with me so far?

Don’t fret. The only connection between Hardy (whether on paper or celluloid) and this naughty — and very, very funny — confection from director Stephen Frears is the central plot dynamic of a flirtatious



The bucolic English countryside makes a perfect setting for skewering literary types.

Tamara Drewe (R)

- **Director:** Stephen Frears
- **Stars:** Gemma Arterton, Roger Allam, Tamsin Greig, Bill Camp, Dominic Cooper, Luke Evans
- **In a Nutshell:** A writer returns to her hometown and attracts the interest of several men.

young woman and the three men she drives crazy. That, and the fact that “Tamara Drewe” is also set in the bucolic English countryside, in this case at a writers retreat where one of the residents is working on a scholarly study of an unnamed Hardy novel. “Is there anything left to say about that maudlin bore?”

asks Nicholas Hardiment (Roger Allam), a writer of pulpy best-sellers and a spouter of plummy obscenities who, with his wife, Beth (Tamsin Greig), runs the retreat.

Probably not.

“Tamara Drewe” reserves the bulk of its barbs for contemporary literary pretension, while saving a few skewers for today’s hookup-happy sexual mores.

Most of them are aimed at the heart of the titular heroine. Like almost everyone else in the film, Tamara (Gemma Arterton) is a writer. When she shows up in Ewedown, the village she grew up in, she immediately sets several men’s hearts aflutter.

With flashes of dark comic violence, the film may not be for everyone. But for anyone with a taste for the fractured happy ending, this movie is golden. **MICHAEL O’SULLIVAN** (THE WASHINGTON POST)

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ALPHA AND OMEGA (G, 88 minutes) This film, an unambitious 3-D animation about young wolves in love, isn't so much howlingly bad as it is howlingly boring. The story concerns Kate (voice of Hayden Panettiere), a rising alpha female in a Canadian wolf pack who's destined to be paired off with Garth (Chris Carmack), the rising alpha male of a rival pack. The two packs' elders, Winston (Danny Glover) and Tony (the late Dennis Hopper), have agreed to unite their kingdoms. But Humphrey (Justin Long), an omega wolf at the other end of the social hierarchy, likes Kate. After being captured by humans, Humphrey and Kate get to know each other. **M.O.**

CATFISH (PG, 86 minutes) An often jarringly intimate film about a young man's odyssey through virtual life and love on the Internet, this documentary morphs into a mystery in which technology plays a crucial role. The whole story is captured with a digital video camera, constantly filming main character Nev Schulman. In 2007, when one of Schulman's photographs was published in a New York news-



Life just keeps getting sweeter for horse-racing underdog Diane Lane, left, and her equine champion in Disney's "Secretariat."

paper, he received a Facebook message from an 8-year-old girl asking permission to re-create the image in a painting. When she sent him the picture, Schulman was

impressed and began a correspondence with the prodigy, eventually "friending" her entire family—including her attractive older sister, Megan. **A.H.**

DESPICABLE ME (PG, 95 minutes) The nasty streak that animates its protagonist, a hollow-eyed supervillain named Gru (voiced by Steve Carell), is so deep

and wide as to seem insurmountable. But the film turns into an improbably heartwarming diversion. After another evildoer impresses the world by stealing the Great Pyramid of Giza, Gru looks for his big comeback and hits on the idea of stealing the moon. He adopts three sweet girls from an orphanage run by a sadistic Southern belle (Kristen Wiig), and, along with an army of tiny yellow "minions," begins to bring his plan into action. **A.H.**

EASY A (PG-13, 92 minutes) The film opens with Olive (Emma Stone) broadcasting a confession over the Internet, recounting the sordid episodes that caused her current predicament of friendlessness with a side of bad reputation. It all started with a lie to get out of camping with her friend's hippie parents. But her excuse spirals into a tale of "sexy Glade candles" and lost virginity. After that piece of gossip blankets the school, guys are suddenly bombarding Olive with attention. But when she agrees to help a bullied gay friend by pretending to sleep with him, she learns that there's a thin line between sexy and slutty.

STEPHANIE MERRY

EAT PRAY LOVE (PG-13, 133 minutes) Julia Roberts portrays author Elizabeth Gilbert as she recovers from a disastrous divorce, painful rebound relationship

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Nightlife Agenda

WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO TONIGHT? BY FRITZ HAHN, RHOME ANDERSON AND DAVID MALITZ

FRIDAY

It was a Friday night and you just got paid. It was time to par-tay! Everyone was talking about this hot spot to party and you couldn't wait to do some shots and pump your fist, but for some reason the DJ refused your request to play your favorite Black Eyed Peas jam instead of that weird house music that everyone was dancing to. If you've ever had a night like this, then **BECKY** at the Rock and Roll Hotel is for you (free, 9:30 p.m., 1353 H St. NE; 202-388-7625). For one night only, **DJS STEREO FAITH AND TREVOR MARTIN** will be your per-

sonal Pandora. No request shall be turned down.

The Bethesda branch of the BlackFinn saloon (4901 Fairmont Ave.; 301-951-5681) frequently has girls' night out events like Martini and a Makeover, but since October is Breast Cancer Awareness Month, the bar is hosting something a little less frivolous: the **PINK PARTY FOR BREAST CANCER**, a fundraising happy hour for the Bethesda-based National Foundation for Cancer Research in its private upstairs room. A \$10 donation to the charity is good for free passed hors d'oeuvres and \$5 specialty martinis from 7 to 9 p.m., and \$1 from the purchase of a house cocktail will also be donated directly to the cause. RSVPs to party@blackfinnbethesda.com are appreciated, but not required.

If you're intrigued by salsa dancing and are easing into the scene, you might want to consid-



Rising rapper Nicki Minaj brings her versatile pipes and futuristic fashion to DC Star.

er trying rueda style dancing, in which salsa moves are done in a group rather than with a single partner. **DJS ASHO AND REYNA** will be going head to head to outdo each other all night, selecting the hottest Cuban tunes at Sabores (\$5,

9 p.m.; 3433 Connecticut Ave. NW; 202-244-7196).

We've got a slew of anniversary parties this week. Next up is **TAKING THE PISS** (free, 10 p.m.; Marx Cafe, 3203 Mount Pleasant St. NW; 202-518-7600), the indie-pop monthly

that's dedicated to all that's great about chiming guitars, harmonized vocals and the occasional distortionfest. **DJS MARK WILLIAMS AND THE PINSTRIPED REBEL** celebrate eight years in Mount Pleasant with free baklava treats and guest DJs Scott Seymour and Lady Pantsalot.

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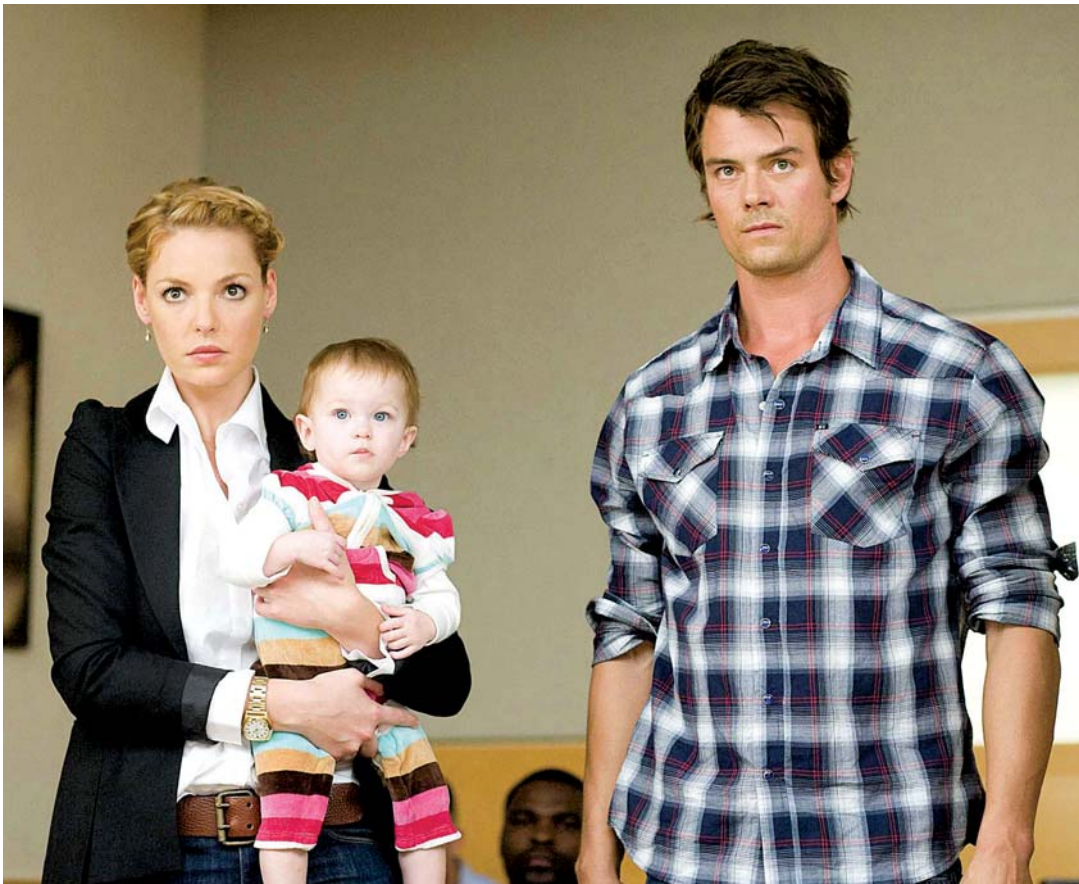
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Why wouldn't you name Katherine Heigl and Josh Duhamel as your kid's godparents? It's a no-brainer in "Life as We Know It."

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and general spiritual ennui on a yearlong trip through Italy, India and Bali. Even newcomers, men included, can enjoy being swept up in the film's lavish third chapter, where Gilbert meets a seductive Brazilian named Felipe (Javier Bardem) and embarks on a luscious love affair. Her supporting characters get more time in India, where Gilbert meets "Richard from Texas," played here by Richard Jenkins. **A.H.**

IT'S KIND OF A FUNNY STORY (PG-13, 101 minutes) There's very little that's even kind of funny in "It's Kind of a Funny Story," which can't accurately be described as a comedy but isn't a true drama, either. Keir Gilchrist stars as a Brooklyn high school student named Craig, who, pronouncing himself overwhelmed by "grades, girls, two wars, impending environmental catastrophe and an imploding economy," commits himself to psychiatric care at a hospital. The youth ward is full, so Craig spends five days in the adult ward, where he learns lessons about life and

growing up from its motley clientele, including Emma Roberts and Zach Galifianakis. **A.H.**

JACKASS 3D (R, 90 minutes) Would you like to see a midget Super-Glued to a fat guy's stomach? Or two pantsless men playing tetherball with a beehive? Would you like to see all that in three dimensions? Then "Jackass" is for you. In this third film, Johnny Knoxville and his merry band of idiots subject one another to a series of stunts and pranks meant to test the limits of the human body (and the human gag reflex). By now, the guys' apprehension when faced with their own handiwork offers as much pleasure to the audience as the stunts themselves. But "Jackass" might also be a touching ode to male friendship at its most primal.

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LEGEND OF THE GUARDIANS: THE OWLS (PG, 90 minutes) "Through our gizzards, the voices of the ages whisper to us and tell us what's right," intones a dignified owl in the sepulchral tones inflections of Hugo Weaving. How you respond to this bit of feathery hokum will determine how you'll feel about this film. Does its majesty send a shiver up your spine? Or does the very idea of an

animated owl delivering this line induce — pardon me — hoots of laughter? The animated film follows two owl brothers whose destinies come into conflict. **D.K.** **LET ME IN** (R, 115 minutes) Owen (Kodi Smit-McPhee) is a 12-year-old loner. He strikes up a tentative friendship with Abby (Chloe Grace Moretz), a girl who appears to be about his age, when she moves into the apartment next door with her weary-looking father (Richard Jenkins). Except that he may or may not be her father. At times, Abby treats the man more like a servant. And he obliges, making midnight runs to the convenience store parking lot for blood, drained from high-school jocks. Owen, meanwhile, has been getting picked on. Abby, who has by now befriended Owen, doesn't like this. **M.O.**

LIFE AS WE KNOW IT (PG-13, 112 minutes) A married couple with a baby dies in a tragic car accident, leaving their adorably orphaned, 1-year-old daughter in the care of her hot single godparents. Except the godparents — Josh Duhamel and Katherine Heigl — never even knew about, let alone agreed to, this arrangement in the first place and hate each other's guts. Sounds like your life, right? Holly Berenson

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(Heigl) and Eric Messer (Duhamel) — or “Mess,” as he is aptly known — move in together and try to make the best of a stupid situation. **A.H.**

NOWHERE BOY (R, 98 minutes) Photographer Sam Taylor-Wood has played it safe and made an utterly conventional biopic in her feature debut about the early life of John Lennon. Aaron Johnson (“Kick-Ass”) delivers an affecting performance as a confused Liverpool teenager torn between two mother figures and nurturing creative impulses. The film opens as a 15-year-old Lennon and a chum run the Liverpool streets in 1955. At home, the mood is a bit more dour, as Aunt Mimi (Kristin Scott Thomas) rules the roost with postwar stiff-upper-lipism and Uncle George (David Threlfall) offers shots of mordant humor. Lennon longs for the distant Julia (Anne-Marie Duff), his fiery redheaded mother who abandoned him at 5 and who lives just blocks away. **A.H.**

NEVER LET ME GO (R, 103 minutes) Di-



Edward Norton insists he's changed his wicked ways in the twisty drama “Stone.”

rector Mark Romanek's film epitomizes the kind of somber, aesthetically refined and morally engaged film that commands deep respect without inspiring much affection. Adapted from the highly regarded novel by Kazuo Ishiguro, this ambitiously restrained film will most likely please fans of the book's dire speculative vision. The story is narrated by Kathy (Carey Mulligan), who, as the movie opens, explains that she started her young life in the 1970s, at a well-tended British board

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ing school called Hailsham. There, she befriended Ruth (Keira Knightley) and Tommy (Andrew Garfield), who along with Kathy live in a world that, while in many ways sequestered and pampered, has a castoff quality to it. **A.H.**

RED (PG-13, 111 minutes) Bruce Willis plays Frank, a former black ops agent now living in quiet desperation in Cleveland and enjoying a long-distance phone flirtation with Sarah (Mary-Louise Parker), the woman who mails his retirement check. When Frank is unexpectedly visited by a lethal "wet team," he realizes his life is in danger, and he seeks to reassemble his old cohort of assassins: Joe (Morgan Freeman), whom Frank busts out of a nursing home in New Orleans; Marvin (John Malkovich), who's living in flashback-induced paranoia somewhere in the Gulf Coast swamplands; and Victoria (Helen Mirren), who bakes tea cakes but longs to get back into the life of kill shots. **A.H.**

SECRETARIAT (PG, 116 minutes) It's tough to guess who will enjoy "Secretariat" more — filmgoers who remember the extraordinary events of 1973, when the chestnut 3-year-old won the first Triple Crown in 25 years, or those for whom the story is brand-new. Secretariat, known to

his owners and intimates as Big Red. The Equine star at first is so slow "he couldn't beat a fat man encased in cement being dragged backwards by a freight train," according to his trainer (played with quirky, crusty gusto by John Malkovich). But his owner believes in him: Penny Chenery Tweedy, a Denver homemaker who inherits her father's Virginia horse farm and battles the sexist forces of her own family and the horse racing establishment to champion Big Red and change the face of the sport forever. **A.H.**

THE SOCIAL NETWORK (PG-13, 122 minutes) When a talky movie's talk has been written by Aaron Sorkin ("The West Wing"), and those words have been animated by the visual brio of director David Fincher, what looks on paper like a static series of dead-end conversations comes to life as a vital, engaging, even urgent parable for our age. As the dramatized story of Facebook founder Mark Zuckerberg, the film can't be taken as the literal record of events—which involved Zuckerberg being sued by his partners and competitors. With surgical precision, exhilarating insight and storytelling flair, Sorkin and Fincher bring viewers along on an infectiously giddy journey of discovery and invention. **A.H.**

STONE (R, 105 minutes) Say this about "Stone": When it's good, it's very good. And this twisty, atmospheric drama is at its best when Edward Norton takes center screen as Stone, a convicted arsonist trying to wheedle an early release from a parole officer named Jack, played by Robert De Niro. Admittedly, the two stars have their share of electrifying duets, as when Stone sits across from Jack's desk, trying to get into his head. But ultimately "Stone" sags under its own overblown philosophical weight. Norton is next to unrecognizable as Stone, who possesses a clear command of street vernacular and tries to convince Jack that he's a changed man — with the help of his wife, Lucetta (Milla Jovovich). **A.H.**

TAKERS (PG-13, 107 minutes) "Takers" begins with one crime — a bank robbery — and builds up to another — the seizing of an armored car carrying \$30 million. In between, the movie puts its cops and robbers in parallel motion toward a cataclysmic collision. Everybody has personal problems. Gang leader Gordon Crosier (Idris Elba) has to choreograph the big score while trying to keep his sister in rehab. He's also trying to dismiss doubts

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about Ghost (rapper T.I.), a former member of the gang who served six years in prison and is now back. **JOHN ANDERSON**

THE TOWN (R, 130 minutes) This film harks back to gritty urban thrillers of

the 1970s with an assured sense of tone and style. Affleck has cast himself in "The Town's" lead role of Doug MacRay, a native of Boston's tough Irish Charlestown neighborhood, which has produced more bank and armored car robberies than any place in the U.S. Doug and his best friend, Jem (Jeremy Renner), are members of one of Charlestown's most notorious crews. When the guys rob a

bank and take a manager hostage, the episode sparks a series of events that leads Doug to question whether he's ready to leave Charlestown's tribal life while being pursued by an FBI agent (Jon Hamm). **A.H.**

WAITING FOR 'SUPERMAN' (PG, 111 minutes) In filmmaker Davis Guggenheim's movie, D.C. Schools Chancellor Michelle Rhee comes across as a heroic,

if polarizing, reformer. If there's a villain in the piece, it's Randi Weingarten, the president of the American Federation of Teachers. Her union and its historical institutional resistance to teacher evaluations, merit pay and the elimination of automatic tenure are here seen as self-serving. But there are others in the film with greater emotional pull, such as Geoffrey Canada, the founder of

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WALL STREET: MONEY NEVER SLEEPS (PG-13, 133 minutes) Michael Douglas makes a triumphant return to form as one of American cinema's great villains, Gordon Gekko, in the 23-years-later se-

quel to the movie that captured the go-go '80s. In its own way, this film evinces just as strong a hold on its times, when terms like "subprime" and "insurance swaps" "credit default swaps" — phrases that would have been meaningless two decades ago — are the lingua franca of the financial realm. The crimes that Gekko went to jail for in Oliver Stone's original film now seem like child's play compared

with the shady deals his spiritual heirs have been confecting during his years in prison. **A.H.**

YOU WILL MEET A TALL DARK STRANGER (R, 98 minutes) As the film opens, Alfie (Anthony Hopkins) has just left his wife of 40 years, Helena (Gemma Jones). She "allowed herself to become old," he says, with no sense of irony, to his much younger soon-to-be second

wife, Charmaine (Lucy Punch), a blowsy prostitute and gold digger. Helena, after an attempted suicide, has found solace in the counsel of a clairvoyant (Pauline Collins). Hence the title. Eventually, Helena takes up with Jonathan (Roger Ashton Griffiths), the eccentric, widowed owner of an occult bookstore. But they can't be together until Jonathan gets permission, via a seance, from his dead

wife. Meanwhile, Alfie and Helena's daughter Sally (Naomi Watts) is also fidgeting uneasily in her marriage to Roy (Josh Brolin), a doctor-turned-novelist who has had one good book and nothing since. **M.O.**

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CRAFT FAIR

Where: St. Katherine Greek Orthodox Church, 3149 Glen Carlyn Rd., Falls Church, VA

When: Sat., Dec. 4, 2010 ~ 10:00 AM-4:00 PM & Sun., Dec. 5, ~ 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

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FRANK RICH *The New York Times*

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Compiled by Fiona Zublin. For more upcoming events, follow the Top Stops blog at expressnightout.com/topstops.



1 Perfect Pair
Matt Johnson and Kim Schifino have unwittingly (or is it?) hit the publicity mother lode with their aptly titled band Matt and Kim. ARE THEY OR AREN'T THEY DATING? The pair are mysterious about it. We hope they aren't secretly brother and sister. Not that any of that matters when you hear their peppy, smart pop music. The show is sold out, but you can still find tickets on the vast, wonderful Internet. **9:30 Club, 815 V St. NW; Fri., 8 p.m.; 202-265-0930, 930.com. (U St.-Cardozo)**

2 Lasciate Ogni Speranza Voi Ch'Entrate
Who wants to spend an entire day learning about Dante Alighieri? Oooh, ooh, pick us! If you've read "The Divine Comedy," you know it's maybe the greatest surviving work of medieval literature (Take that, Chaucer!) and you'd probably be happy to spend an entire Saturday learning about its intricacies from a Dante scholar. Which is why we told you. **Ripley Center, 1100 Jefferson Drive SW; Sat., 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m., \$120; 202-633-3030, Residentassociates.org. (Smithsonian)**

3 Just in Case
Though we in D.C. are stocking up for the pundit apocalypse — seriously, the midterms cannot come soon enough — everyone else is still paying attention to the zombie apocalypse. But, it's going to be fine: First Defense is hosting a free zombie defense class that will teach you the basics of dealing with the undead. Feel free to dress as a zombie, but don't be surprised when they get confused and try to use you as an attacker in the demo. **First Defense Martial Arts Center, 295 Sunset Drive, Herndon, Va.; Fri., 6:30 p.m.-8 p.m., free; 703-835-9054.**



Local movie times **(I) No Pass/No Discount Ticket**

DISTRICT
AMC Loews Georgetown 14
3111 K Street N.W. www.AMCEntertainment.com

The Town (R) Digital Presentation: 2:10-5:05-8:15-11:10
Life As We Know It (PG-13) CC-Closed Captions: 11:50-2:35-5:20-8:05-11:05
Conviction (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:45-2:15-4:45-7:45-10:40
Catfish (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:25-12:50-3:15-5:45-8:20-10:35
Waiting for Superman (PG) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:00-1:45-4:35-7:20-10:05
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: 10:45-1:25-3:45-6:15-8:45-11:15
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) Digital Presentation: 10:30-1:00-3:30-6:00-8:30-11:00
Stone (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 11:40-2:20-4:50-7:35-10:25
Hereafter (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 10:10-1:10-4:00-7:15-10:15
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 10:35-1:35-7:05-10:20
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 11:50-2:35-5:20-8:05-11:05
Secretariat (PG) 11:05-2:05-5:00-7:50-10:55
The Social Network (PG-13) 10:15-1:15-4:15-7:30-10:30
Red (PG-13) 11:55-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 11:30-2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30-12:00
Easy A (PG-13) 4:40

AMC Loews Uptown 1
3426 Connecticut Avenue N.W. www.AMCEntertainment.com
Red (PG-13) (I) 12:00-2:40-5:20-8:00-10:40

AMC Mazza Gallerie
5300 Wisconsin Ave. NW www.AMCEntertainment.com
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 1:10-4:20-7:20-10:25
The Town (R) Club Cinema-Over 21: 2:10-7:40
Life As We Know It (PG-13) Club Cinema-Over 21: 5:00-10:30
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: 12:40-3:10-5:30-7:50-10:10
Hereafter (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:20-4:10-7:10-10:00
Secretariat (PG) 12:50-4:00-7:00-9:50
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:50-4:40-7:30-10:20
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 1:00-3:20-5:40-8:00-10:15

Avalon
5612 Connecticut Avenue www.theavalon.org
Hereafter (PG-13) (I) 11:30-2:30-5:30-8:30
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:00-3:45-6:30-9:15

Landmark E Street Cinema
555 11th St. NW www.landmarktheatres.com
Purple Rain (R) 12:00AM
Never Let Me Go (R) 2:15-4:45-7:15-9:45
Nowhere Boy (R) 12:10-2:30-5:00-7:30-10:00
Conviction (R) 2:00-4:30-7:00-9:30-11:45
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) 12:05-2:20-4:50-7:20-9:35
Waiting for Superman (PG) 1:30-4:15-7:00-9:45
You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 12:00-2:10-4:40-7:10-9:40
Inside Job (PG-13) 12:15-2:40-5:10-7:40-9:55-12:00

Regal Gallery Place Stadium 14
707 Seventh Street NW www.regalcinemas.com
Life As We Know It (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 12:00
The Social Network (PG-13) Digital Projection: 1:30-4:40-7:40-10:25
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 11:55-1:00-2:20-2:45-3:30-4:40-6:20-7:20-8:00-8:50-9:50-11:20-12:20
My Soul to Take 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 12:10-5:15-10:30
The Town (R) 1:20-4:10-7:30
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) Digital Projection: 11:50-2:05-4:30-7:00-9:40-12:00
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 10:20
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 2:35-5:30-8:10-10:45
Easy A (PG-13) 12:20
Secretariat (PG) 12:45-3:45-6:40-9:20-12:05
Red (PG-13) 12:40-3:00-3:50-5:45-6:50-8:30-9:25-11:10-12:10
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Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 12:30-2:50-5:20-7:50-10:20-12:40
Hereafter (PG-13) 12:00-12:50-3:15-4:00-6:30-7:10-9:30-10:10-12:30

MARYLAND
AFI Silver Theatre Cultural Center
8633 Colesville Road www.afi.com/silver

Suspiria (R) 9:30
Vertigo (1958) (PG) 7:00
Krabat (NR) 4:30
Waiting for Superman (PG) 12:20-2:30-4:45-7:10-9:20
Never Let Me Go (R) 12:40-2:50-5:05-7:20-9:30

AMC Loews Center Park 8
4001 Powder Mill Rd. www.AMCEntertainment.com
Hereafter (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 11:15-2:00-4:50-7:35-10:20
N-Secure (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: 4:55-7:40-10:30
The Town (R) 1:55-7:20
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 11:25-4:40-10:05
Secretariat (PG) 10:45-1:50-4:45-7:30-10:15
The Social Network (PG-13) 11:00-1:45-4:30-7:15-10:00
Red (PG-13) 11:40-2:20-5:00-7:45-10:25
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) (I) 10:55-1:40-4:15-7:00-9:45
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) 11:45-2:10
Jackass 3 in 2D (R) 11:50-2:30-5:15-8:00-10:45

AMC Loews White Flint 5
11301 Rockville Pike www.AMCEntertainment.com
Hereafter (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 1:20-4:25-7:35-10:25
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1:20-3:35-6:40-9:30
Secretariat (PG) 1:05-4:10-7:20-10:10
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:40-4:45-7:50-10:40
Red (PG-13) 12:50-3:55-7:00-9:50

AMC Magic Johnson Capital Center 12
800 Shoppers Way www.AMCEntertainment.com
Waiting for Superman (PG) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 7:00-10:10-12:55-3:55-7:00-9:40-12:35
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 12:10-2:40-5:10-7:40-10:10-12:40
My Soul to Take 3D (R) RealD 3D: 11:05-2:00-4:50-8:00-10:40
N-Secure (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 12:50-3:50-6:50-9:45-12:50
Takers (PG-13) 12:40-3:20-6:20-9:10-11:50
The Town (R) 6:40-9:50-12:55
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 11:30-2:25-5:20-8:10-10:55
The Social Network (PG-13) 10:00-1:00-4:20-7:20-10:20
Red (PG-13) (I) 10:40-1:35-4:30-7:25-10:15-1:00
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) (I) 11:00-12:00-1:30-2:30-4:00-5:00-6:30-7:30-9:00-10:00-11:30-12:30
Devil (PG-13) 10:50-1:10-3:30-5:50-8:20-10:45
Alpha and Omega (PG) 11:20-1:40-4:10

Landmark Bethesda Row Cinema
7265 Woodmont Avenue www.landmarktheatres.com
Never Let Me Go (R) 2:15-7:15
Get Low (PG-13) 2:05
Mao's Last Dancer (PG) 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:25
Conviction (R) 1:45-4:30-7:15-9:45
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) 4:35-7:20-9:55
Catfish (PG-13) 4:50-9:50
Waiting for Superman (PG) 1:50-4:25-7:00-9:35
You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) 2:00-4:20-7:05-9:30
Tamara Drewe (R) 1:25-4:00-6:45-9:20
Inside Job (PG-13) 1:30-4:15-7:10-9:40

Regal Bethesda 10
7272 Wisconsin Avenue www.regalcinemas.com
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:15-3:30-5:45-8:00-10:20
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 4:00-7:20-10:10
The Town (R) 3:20-6:50-9:35
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1:00-3:50-7:10-9:50
Secretariat (PG) 1:00-3:45-6:40-9:30
Nowhere Boy (R) 1:20
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:40-4:40-7:30-10:15
Red (PG-13) 2:20-5:00-7:40-10:20

Easy A (PG-13) 1:05
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 1:10-3:20-5:40-8:10-10:25
Stone (R) 2:50-5:20-7:50-10:30
Hereafter (PG-13) 1:30-4:20-7:15-10:10

Regal Majestic 20
900 Elsworth Drive
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:10-2:20-3:25-5:00-6:00-7:15-8:10-10:35-12:00-12:50
My Soul to Take 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 9:35
Let Me In (R) 1:20-7:10-12:35
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 10:45
The Town (R) 1:45-4:35-7:45-10:30-1:00
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 12:50-3:40-6:15-8:55-11:40
Secretariat (PG) 1:15-4:05-6:55-9:50-12:40
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) 4:20-9:55
Nowhere Boy (R) 3:15
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:05-2:10-3:45-4:50-6:40-7:35-9:15-10:15-12:05-12:55
Easy A (PG-13) 5:40-8:05-10:50-12:55
Red (PG-13) 12:45-2:40-3:35-5:15-6:10-7:50-8:45-10:25-11:15-1:00
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Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) 12:55-3:50-6:05-8:20
Stone (R) 3:00-5:45-8:25-11:00
Jackass 3 in 2D (R) 1:30-4:00-6:30-9:00-11:25
Hereafter (PG-13) 1:40-3:30-4:45-6:35-8:00-9:25-10:55-12:15
N-Secure (R) 2:55-5:30-7:55-10:20-12:45

Regal Royale 14
6505 America Blvd.
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:50-4:20-4:50-7:10-7:40-10:20-10:50
My Soul to Take 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 3:30
The Town (R) 1:15-4:15-7:25-10:15
Life As We Know It (PG-13) 1:55-4:40-7:45-10:30
Secretariat (PG) 1:25-4:30-7:50-10:40
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:45-4:35-7:35-10:25
Red (PG-13) 1:05-1:35-3:55-4:25-6:45-7:15-9:55-10:35
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) 1:10-1:40-3:40-4:10-6:50-7:20-9:40-10:10
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) 2:05-4:45-7:05-9:45
Jackass 3 in 2D (R) 1:20-3:50-6:40-9:50
Hereafter (PG-13) 1:00-4:00-7:00-10:00
N-Secure (R) 2:00-5:00-7:30-10:45

VIRGINIA
AMC Courthouse Plaza 8
2150 Clarendon Blvd. www.AMCEntertainment.com
Life As We Know It (PG-13) Digital Presentation: 2:00-4:40-7:30-10:20
It's Kind of a Funny Story (PG-13) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:20-5:15-10:10
You Will Meet A Tall Dark Stranger (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 1:50-4:45-7:10-9:45
I Want Your Money (PG) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 4:15-9:40
Wall Street: Money Never Sleeps (PG-13) 1:20-6:30
The Town (R) 1:00-4:10-7:00-10:00
Secretariat (PG) 1:10-4:40-6:45-9:30
Red (PG-13) (I) 1:45-4:30-7:20-9:55
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) (I) 12:30-3:00-5:30-8:00-10:30
Easy A (PG-13) 2:45-7:45

AMC Hoffman Center 22
206 Swamp Fox Rd. www.AMCEntertainment.com
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole 3D (PG) RealD 3D: 10:25-1:25-4:05-6:50-9:30
Secretariat (PG) CC/DVS-Closed Captions & Descriptive Video: 10:55-2:05-5:05-8:35
Nowhere Boy (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 10:15-1:15-4:15
Waiting for Superman (PG) AMC INDEPENDENT: 12:05-3:00-6:05-9:10-12:00
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 10:20-11:30-1:05-2:30-4:30-5:30-7:30-8:30-10:10-11:10
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N-Secure (R) AMC INDEPENDENT: (I) 10:40-1:40-4:25-7:20-10:20
Case 39 (R) 2:25-8:25
Let Me In (R) 11:40-5:40-11:40

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Easy A (PG-13) 11:45-2:45
Resident Evil: Afterlife (R) 11:25-5:35-11:25
Devil (PG-13) 2:40-8:40

Alexandria Old Town Theater
815 1/2 King St <http://tickets.oldtowntheater.com/>
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) (I) 6:00-8:00-10:00
The Town (R) 5:00-7:30-10:00

Arlington Cinema 'N' Drafthouse
2903 Columbia Pike <http://www.arlingtondrafthouse.com>
Eat Pray Love (PG-13) 7:00

Regal Ballston Common 12
671 N. Glebe Road www.regalcinemas.com
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:10-2:20-3:55-5:50-6:20-7:50-9:00-10:20
The Other Guys (PG-13) 2:30-5:20-8:00
You Again (PG) 1:05-3:40-6:40-9:20
Nowhere Boy (R) 9:10
The American (R) 1:35-4:10-6:50-9:30
The Social Network (PG-13) 1:30-2:10-4:30-5:10-7:20-8:10-10:10
Stone (R) 2:00-4:50-7:30-10:20
Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) 1:20-3:50-6:30
Jackass 3 in 2D (R) 1:50-4:20-7:10-9:40
Hereafter (PG-13) 1:00-1:40-4:00-4:40-7:00-7:40-9:50-10:30

Regal Kingtowne 16
5910 Kingtowne Towne Center
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 12:55-2:30-3:15-4:45-5:30-7:05-7:55-9:30-10:20
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Legend of the Guardians: The Owls of Ga'Hoole (PG) 12:10-2:35-5:00
Hereafter (PG-13) 1:15-4:10-7:15-10:10
Jackass 3 in 2D (R) 1:35-4:00-6:25-8:50

Regal Potomac Yard 16
3575 Jefferson Davis Highway www.regalcinemas.com
Life As We Know It (PG-13) OC-Open Caption: 2:15
Jackass 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 1:40-2:20-4:00-4:45-6:25-7:05-8:45-9:25-11:05-11:50
My Soul to Take 3D (R) RealD 3D: (I) 2:25-5:15-7:55-10:30
Paranormal Activity 2 (R) Digital Projection: 2:00-2:50-4:30-5:20-7:00-7:50-9:30-10:20-12:00
The Town (R) 1:10-3:45-6:35-9:35
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N-Secure (R) 1:35-4:05-6:40-9:10-11:40

TV weekend **lookout**

The Witching Hours

Sink your teeth into an evening of spooky, silly, campy goodness

Program Roundup

Halloween may be more than a week away, but you'd think it was tomorrow from Friday night's schedule. With the possible exception of Christmas, no holiday is embraced with as much gusto by television programmers.

Nickelodeon kicks off a week-long spook-slate of scary movies and specials, beginning with the trick-or-treat-themed "Big Time Rush" (8 p.m.).

Over on AMC, the Fearfest continues with the 1993 shocker "Jason Goes to Hell: The Final Friday" (8 p.m.), followed by the blood-soaked 2005 adaptation of "House of Wax" (10 p.m.), starring Elisha Cuthbert and featuring non-actor Paris Hilton.

Not to be outdone, Turner Classic Movies offers a full night of



Nickelodeon's "Big Time Rush" embraces shockingly generic Halloween costumes.

campy horror shockers from Britain's Hammer Studios, most notably "Five Million Years to Earth" (9:30 p.m.) about prehistoric creatures released by a subway excavation and "These Are the Damned" (11:15 p.m.), concerning a race of special children bred in a top-secret military project.

TCM's Underground slate wraps up the wee hours with the hilariously weird 1972 offering

"Night of the Lepus" (4:15 a.m.), a tale of giant man-eating rabbits. Fans of really, really awful special effects should not miss this! The killer bunnies are just regular rabbits superimposed on the screen. A grade-Z laugher, "Night of the Lepus" features a cast of well-knowns, including Janet Leigh, Rory Calhoun and Stuart Whitman. KEVIN MCDONOUGH (UNITED FEATURE SYNDICATE)

Best Bets

FRI
8:00

Smallville (CW) On the verge of telling Clark she knows he is the Blur, Lois (Erica Durance, right) gets superpowers of her own when she is transformed into the Goddess Isis. Clark and Oliver reluctantly turn to Tess for help.



SUN
8:00

Extreme Makeover: Home Edition (ABC) With supermodel Christie Brinkley, Ty and his team travel to Hamburg, Pa., to help transform the 300-year-old log cabin dwelling of widow Trisha Urban into the joyous home her late husband, Andy, wanted for her.

SUN
9:00



Boardwalk Empire (HBO) Nucky investigates a boardwalk theft and puts pressure on Lucky Luciano. Margaret (Kelly MacDonald, left) stands up to Lucy and then accepts an offer from Nucky to improve her family's circumstances. In Chicago, Jimmy scores points with Johnny Torrio.

SUN
10:00

Bored to Death (HBO) Jonathan tries to repair the relationship between a limo driver and his wife. Ray dispenses with five degrees of separation as he has a meeting with Kevin Bacon. (TRIBUNE MEDIA)

Stand-Up



Biting Social Commentary

In the memorable "From Ashy to Classy" stand-up set on Comedy Central (11 p.m. on Sat.), fearless comic Donnell Rawlings tackles such burning topics as racism in the gummy bear industry, the diabolical tactics women use to win arguments, nicknames that change over time from affectionate to rude, and observations on President Obama. Bonus: a Michael Jackson dance impression! (TM)

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Today's Question

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Yesterday's Results

SHOULD D.C. PUBLICLY IDENTIFY JUVENILES CONVICTED OF VIOLENT CRIMES?



"I think not ... for a variety of reasons, but if it's seriously considered, then I would suggest that the parents' names be made public, not the juvenile's."

COMMENTER PMYERS

"Yes. Criminals can change, but if society does not know to watch out for them, no one will help pressure them to stay on the straight and narrow. As more children commit crimes that used to be solely adult crimes, punishments should be more severe."

COMMENTER LAW ENFORCEMENT

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"This XXL cover is suspect as hell. 'A Hater's Worst Nightmare'? Really tho? These clowns. Why did 50 1. remove all his tats and 2. dress as a terrorist ninja for this mess?"

—LISA-BEE.COM CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY RAPPERS 50 CENT AND SOULJA BOY APPEARED ON THE HIP-HOP MAGAZINE'S NOVEMBER COVER TOGETHER.



"Brittany and Santana refer to having sex together, Quinn had a baby last year, Puck in juvie for driving through a convenience store and stealing [an] ATM ... a few pictures make them crazy, but no mention of the antics of the characters?"

—COMMENTER PUPPYDOG AT **WASHINGTONPOST.COM** THINKS THE PICTURES FROM THE "GLEE" ACTORS' GQ PHOTO SHOOT THAT CAUSED AN UPROAR FROM THE PARENTS TELEVISION COUNCIL ARE NO BIG DEAL, CONSIDERING THE TOPICS ON THE ACTUAL TV PROGRAM.



"Apparently, being a supremely gifted hockey player does not translate into a being a good dancer. ... Wow, I haven't seen a Russian this uncomfortable dancing onstage since Boris Yeltsin."

—SMARTASSSPORTS.COM REACTS TO SEEING A YOUTUBE VIDEO OF THE CAPITALS' ALEX OVECHKIN ONSTAGE AT FUR NIGHTCLUB LAST SATURDAY NIGHT.

"As if you needed any more reason to get sauced up and play Rock Band 3, Harmonix confirmed that Long Island's greatest will be gracing the digital airwaves of Rock Band 3."

—LOOT-NINJA.COM IS EXCITED TO HEAR THAT BILLY JOEL'S SONGS WILL BE ADDED TO THE NEWEST VERSION OF THE VIDEO GAME THAT NOW FEATURES A KEYBOARD.

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Horoscope

LIBRA (Sept. 23-Oct. 22) Your path isn't likely to be routine or anticipated; in fact, you're likely to take the hardest possible route — by choice, too.

SCORPIO (Oct. 23-Nov. 21) Consistency can yield great rewards, but you must take care that things don't get boring as a result.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21) Keep track of developments as they stack up, and don't assume that you know what is coming next. Keep an open mind.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan. 19) Others may be sure that you've made the wrong choice, but there's nothing to indicate that this is so. You are the sole judge.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18) A treacherous journey may be unavoidable. If you have a chance to plot your course ahead of time, do so; you'll minimize the risks.

PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20) You can contribute much and serve the group as a whole in a way that is unique and invaluable, but you're not in it for credit.

ARIES (March 21-April 19) There's no reason to impose your will on those around you. Be a part of the discussion, but don't dictate the final outcome.

TAURUS (April 20-May 20) You have two choices to make that will affect you for some time to come — one in a big way, and one in a small one.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20) You may find yourself teased by someone who knows what you want but is unwilling to grant it to you outright. Negotiations ensue.

CANCER (June 21-July 22) Subtlety and delicacy are advised; indeed, the more important the issue, the more you'll want to soft-pedal your approach.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22) You're being misled, but you know it. Are you sure you're going to be in control when the time comes? You're taking a big risk.

VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22) You've been making plans for quite some time, but you may have to face the kind of obstacle that has you second-guessing yourself.

Scrabble Grams

PAR SCORE 175-185, BEST SCORE 230

E ₁	U ₁	U ₁	N ₁	N ₁	T ₁	G ₂

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 RACK 1

E ₁	I ₁	O ₁	N ₁	L ₁	F ₄	F ₄

3rd Letter Double

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 RACK 2

E ₁	E ₁	O ₁	R ₁	R ₁	T ₁	S ₁

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 RACK 3

E ₁	Y ₄	S ₁	H ₄	L ₁	P ₃	C ₃

Triple Word Score

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 RACK 4

Yesterday's Solution

C ₃	A ₁	R ₁	A ₁	M ₃	B ₃	A ₁	RACK 1 =	89
P ₃	U ₁	R ₁	I ₁	S ₁	M ₃		RACK 2 =	10
F ₄	A ₁	N ₁	A ₁	T ₁	I ₁	C ₃	RACK 3 =	63
P ₃	A ₁	R ₁	A ₁	B ₃	L ₁	E ₁	RACK 4 =	61
PAR SCORE 145-155								TOTAL 223

FOUR RACK TOTAL

Make a 2-7 letter word from the letters in each row. Add points of each word using scoring directions at right. 7-letter words get a 50-point bonus. Blank tiles used as any letter have no point value. Scrabble is a trademark of Hasbro in the U.S. and Canada.

Sudoku

DIFFICULT

	6		9				8	
		8	4				6	1
					6		7	3
4	7					2		
		3					9	4
8	3		6					
5		2			8	7		
	1				7		3	

Yesterday's Solution

2	4	6	1	9	3	7	8	5
5	9	7	8	6	4	1	3	2
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1	2	8	6	3	9	4	5	7
4	5	9	7	8	1	2	6	3
6	7	3	5	4	2	9	1	8
8	1	5	4	2	6	3	7	9
7	3	4	9	1	8	5	2	6
9	6	2	3	5	7	8	4	1

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Forecast

62 | 42

Today: Mostly sunny and breezy today. A moonlit sky tonight.

71 | 53

Tomorrow: Mostly sunny, warmer and nice tomorrow. Mainly clear tomorrow night.

Looking Ahead



SUN 72 | 58 **MON** 73 | 61 **TUE** 72 | 58

Sun and Moon
 Sunrise today: 7:24 a.m.
 Sunset today: 6:20 p.m.
 Moonrise today: 5:49 p.m.
 Moonset today: 7:01 a.m.

Almanac
 Normal high: 66
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 Normal low: 48
 Record low: 30

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Crossword

WAY TO GO!

ACROSS

1 It's better than never
6 Unimpressive, as an excuse
10 Abbreviated LAX postings
14 Earthy pigment
15 Brief notice in passing
16 "___ penny and pick it up ..."
17 Western horse-drawn vehicle
19 Opposite of "Count me out!"
20 Knotty situation
21 Absorb gradually
23 Type or kind
25 Digging machine
28 Poetic Angelou
30 Part of a cell nucleus
31 "God bless us ___ one"
32 Play friskily
35 Verdi princess
37 Small wheels
42 Falco of "The Sopranos"

43 Angry disposition
45 Involuntary jerk
49 Alphabet run
51 Shameless joy
52 Essayist
56 New wannabe
57 Chant
58 Muslim prince
(var.)
60 Idler's antithesis
61 Amphibious
vehicle
66 Option in a threat
67 Top-grade
68 Castle the dancer
69 Broadway
backdrops
70 Serve up drinks
71 Stereotypical
snack for cops

DOWN

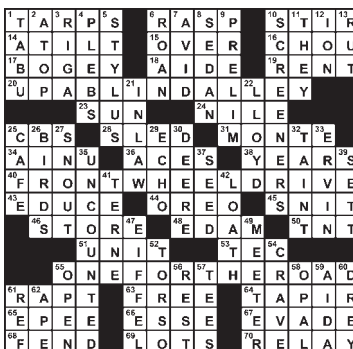
- 1 ___ Gatos, Calif.
- 2 Appear in a movie
- 3 Award winner's words
- 4 It may precede a sum?
- 5 Some winds

6 Not as rigid
7 Legal org.
8 Label on a cassette recorder jack
9 Cultural values of a group
10 Sci-fi writer Isaac
11 Do away with
12 Helen Hunt's sitcom co-star
13 In a rational fashion
18 Director's order
22 Dagger case
23 World-finance org.
24 "___ and the Real Girl" (2007 film)
26 Three-syllable foot, in poetry
27 Mother of Hermes
29 Vestment for Father Brown
33 Bygone bringers of cold blocks
34 Cape ___, Mass.
36 700, in old Rome
38 Sorvino of "Mighty Aphrodite"

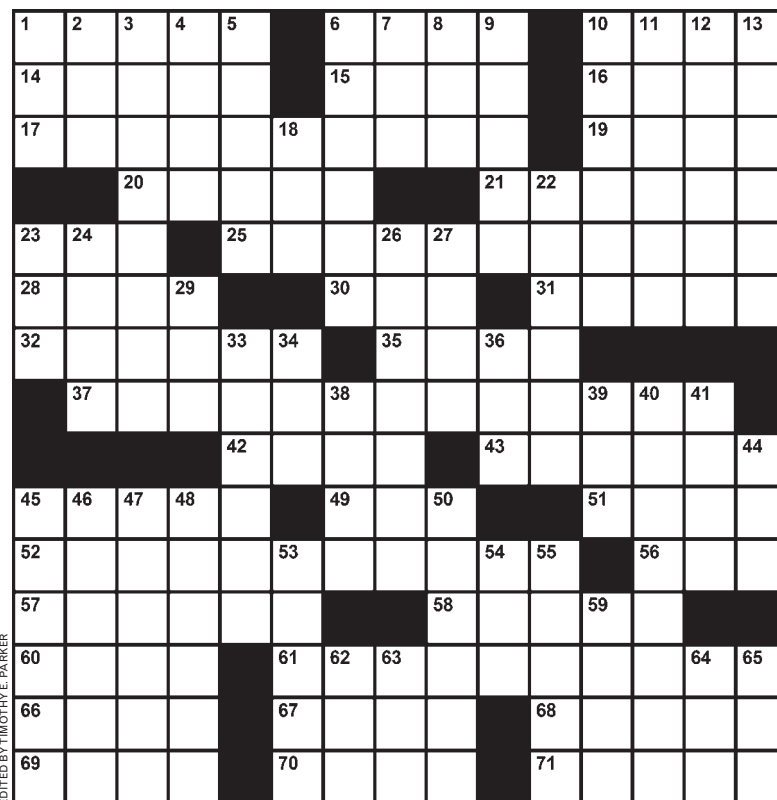
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tooth
40 Pollen, e.g.
41 Atoll, for one
44 Like Gen. Colin
Powell
45 Goes hard into
a base
46 Ground corn
mixture
47 Declare to be
true
48 Mall units
50 Rained cats and

dogs
53 Moved to a
quieter table, say
54 "Out!" shouter
55 Bridge response
59 Continental
dollar
62 "___ is me!"
("Alas!")
63 ___ Arbor, Mich.
64 Homophone for
"new"
65 "The best is ___
to come!"

Yesterday's Solution



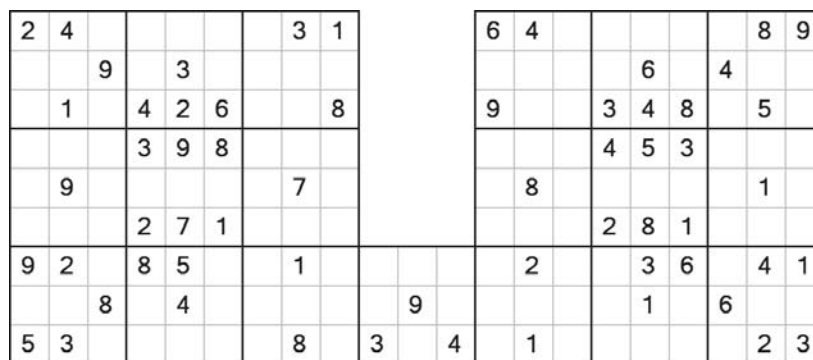
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Samurai Sudoku

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Fill in each column, row and 3x3 box with the digits 1 through 9 without repeating any. The twist in Samurai Sudoku is that the digits that appear in the overlapping boxes must work for both puzzles. A piece of advice to get you started: Don't focus on completing one grid at a time. Keep the whole puzzle in mind as you go, because filling in a number in one grid could give you clues to another.



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Last Week's Solution

4	5	6	7	8	4	2	3			7	4	2	6	3	5	8	9	1		
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7	3	6	2	1	5	8	9	4				6	3	5	4	2	1	9	7	8
8	4	2	9	6	3	5	7	1				2	9	1	5	7	8	6	3	4
9	5	1	7	4	8	2	3	6				7	8	4	6	9	3	5	1	2

Today in History

1797 French balloonist Andre-Jacques Garnerin makes the first parachute descent, landing safely from about 3,000 feet over Paris.

1962 President John F. Kennedy announces a quarantine of all offensive military equipment shipped to Cuba, after the discovery of Soviet-built missile bases on the island.

1979 The U.S. government allows the deposed Shah of Iran to travel to New York for medical treatment — a decision that precipitates the Iran hostage crisis.

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**ACCUSATIONS****But Can He Really Shoot Lasers Out of His Eyes?**

Though the story about Justin Bieber hitting some kid while playing laser tag and using an anti-gay slur was juicy, apparently it is not true. A friend of Bieber's who was present during the incident told E! News that though Bieber accidentally "bump[ed] into" the child while playing tag, the rest of the story is false.

(EXPRESS)

SEXY TIMES**'Glee' Actress Mature, Rational; Media Baffled**

After a racy photo shoot for GQ that played on high school stereotypes and a subsequent kerfuffle over whether that was in good taste, "Glee" actress Dianna Agron apologized and stated, "These aren't photos I'm going to frame and put on my desk, but, hey, nor are any of the photos I take for magazines." (EXPRESS)



Somehow, Dianna Agron seems to have retained her sanity despite being on TV.

Emotions**Divorce Still Sad; Also, Rain Still Wet**

Christina Aguilera, who recently split from her husband, has an unusual take on divorce. "It's not easy, and there have been a lot of tears and sadness," she told Redbook magazine in a shocking interview in which she also indicated that she takes comfort in her friends and family, and that she loves her son.

(EXPRESS)



If Beyoncé is

CELEBRITY

May

Us Magazine's child, based on a source. "B was shocked. She loved kids, but she wasn't ready to be a mother just yet," the source said of the singer, who married Jay-Z in 2008. "She really wanted to get her album done and tour the world again." But another source, says the singer realizes that "this is a gift from God, and she's so happy." "She's got the most beautiful heart," her sister, Solange Knowles, chimed in. "She'll be a great mom." (EXPRESS)

NO BABY

UM ... JK! LOLZ

Yesterday we reported that somebody else reported that Beyoncé Knowles is pregnant. In an interview on "The Ellen DeGeneres Show" Thursday, Beyoncé's mother, Tina Knowles, stated emphatically that the rumors of her daughter's pregnancy were unfounded. Hmm ... it sounds like Beyoncé isn't telling her mother about some pretty important stuff. To the press—**BEYONCE FAMILY SCANDAL; NOBODY SPEAKING TO EACH OTHER.** (EXPRESS)

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**SACRIFICES****Next: Farley Launches State Senate Campaign**

Jenni "JWoww" Farley has turned down a \$400,000 offer to pose in Playboy, according to Usmagazine.com. She laments the missed opportunity but says she has something else in the works that precluded the potential photo shoot. She also mentioned that she will be moving in with Nicole "Snooki" Polizzi, with whom she has lived multiple times before. (EXPRESS)

"If a guy doesn't want me to write a bad song about him, he won't do bad things. And he shouldn't, you know?"



— **TAYLOR SWIFT**, ON HER PRACTICE OF INCLUDING REAL NAMES IN THE SONGS SHE WRITES ABOUT PEOPLE. WAIT TILL SOMEONE DOES IT TO HER.

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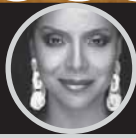


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